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Call it white gold blanketing Ski Apache these days

• Two to three times as many skiers are gliding down Ski Apache's snowy slopes compared to this time last year.

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Just as oil is Oklahoma's black gold, snow is the white gold of Ruidoso's winter econo-

my.

With as much as 110 inches of snowfall since October, Sierra Blanca is expected to turn into a money maker of proportions that haven't been felt since the 1992-93 winter, local industry leaders say.

"Well, at this time we are looking forward to our best season in five years," said Roy

Parker, manager of the Ski Apache ski resort. "That was the last time we had snow conditions like this."

Two to three times as many skiers are hitting the slopes than at this time last year, Parker said, adding that 2,600 people were on Ski Apache's 54 open runs this past weekend. Only one run has been closed to

remove some fallen trees, Parker said.

Last weekend's count is even higher than the 1992-93 season by about 300 people, Parker said.

During the days following Christmas — the ski season's traditionally busiest time — Parker is predicting several 7,000-attendance days. Even

now all 10 ski lifts are operating every day, he said.

Last year, only the lower runs on the mountain were open in December because of a lack of snow. A year before, during the 1995-96 season, a very low snowfall kept Ski Apache from opening until mid-December.

Ski Apache's good fortune

this year is expected to translate into Ruidoso's good fortune, as more visitors rent ski equipment, stay in lodgings and eat out at restaurants.

"All the appearances are that it is going to be a very bright Christmas season for all

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County divvies out \$150,000 for recreation

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

After four failed motions, Lincoln County Commissioners approved a revenue sharing plan Tuesday that will funnel money back to the county and its municipalities for recreation and vocational education.

They voted 4-1 to amend a motion from their meeting Nov. 21, modifying a straight proportionate allocation of \$150,000 based on property valuation.

Ruidoso will receive \$67,965, or 45.31 percent of the money, the portion of property values it represents countywide. But the county agreed to cut its allocation down from a straight \$50,000 to be designated for vocational education.

The other \$19,834 that would have gone to the county as its 46.56 percent of the \$150,000 will be placed in a pool with the money allocated to each of the other four municipalities. The pool then will be split evenly four ways to ensure the smaller towns receive enough money to do a project.

Dividing the pool will give

Capitan, Carrizozo, Corona and Ruidoso Downs each \$6,302.49.

Commissioner Monroy Montes, who lives near Hondo, contended Ruidoso should receive the lion's share of the recreation money, because children and adults from around the county use recreation facilities in the population center.

But Commissioner Rex Wilson, a rancher, argued the small towns would fare better under another proposal using a \$10,000 base for each incorporated area and then a proportionate allocation on top of the base. Under that approach, Ruidoso would have received \$50,779, the county, \$51,900, and each of the other towns from \$10,200 to \$14,094.

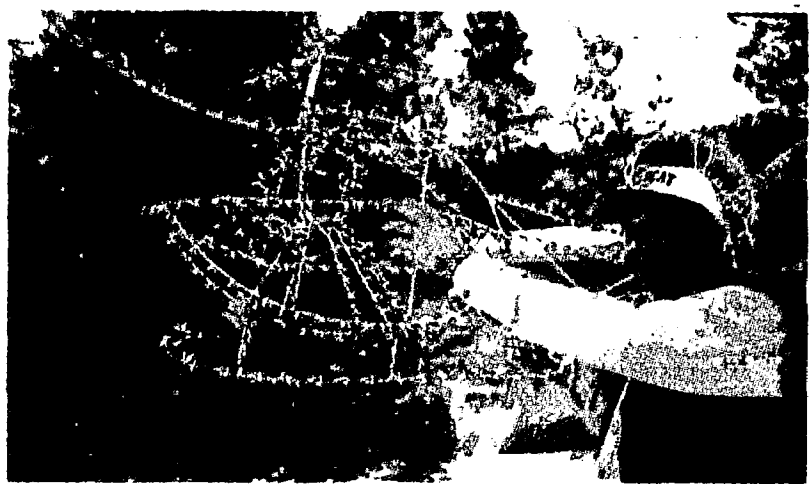
But Wilson's motion failed. When it came time to reconsider the original motion from the November meeting, a step necessary to make the amendment on allocation, Wilson and William Schwettmann, who lives in Alto, voted against it. Schwettmann also cast the lone vote against the amendment that passed.

Cairman L. Ray Nunley said this may be a one-time thing.



Lighting up for the holidays

Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News
Janie and John Kinstingen's home (above) at 108 Encanto Road was one of seven competing in the Christmas lighting contest of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce and Texas-New Mexico Power. At right, Doug Zemik gives the finishing touches to a light-bedecked helicopter that's part of his display at 118 Meander Drive in Ruidoso. Also see page 1B.



COUNTY

Tax cap plan heads for Capitol

Property taxes 24 times higher than 40 years ago

• Commissioners urge Howell to take the idea to the Legislature.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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Illustrating his point with milk, bread, eggs and bundles of money, Lincoln County Commissioner Wilton Howell showed Tuesday how property taxes have increased at a faster rate locally than food prices and the minimum wage.

While minimum wage quadrupled and food prices doubled in the past 40 years in Ruidoso, property taxes went up 24 times the original \$58 tax to \$1,392 on a home owned by his mother, he said.

He called for grassroots support of a proposition to limit increases in property values and tax rates that he hopes will find its way onto the agenda of the New Mexico Legislature next month.

Acknowledging that there may be stumbling blocks ahead, fellow commissioners encouraged Howell to pursue the proposal for a change in tax law and authorized him to go to Santa Fe.

After a county-wide reassessment mandated by state law every two years, some property owners in the county saw their values quadruple this year, he said. When they came by the hundreds last April to a meeting called by Howell on taxes, they found out little could be done, because they "were saddled with adverse laws and bureaucrats who look at a business plan and realize if it was enforced, their jobs might be among those cut. They start putting up roadblocks to derail it," Howell said.

The next step is to meet with State Sen. Pete Campos (D-Santa Rosa) and State Rep. Dub Williams (R-Glenwood), who did not attend the commission session, and convince them to introduce the simple measure, Howell said.

Campos is a "shining star" in the Democratic Party and Williams has the ear of the governor, Howell said.

The proposal would freeze residential property values statewide if it is passed, establishing an acquisition value. The only way the value would

CHRISTMAS

If it's Santa calling, it must be Optimists

• Hundreds of area children have talked to either Santa or Mrs. Claus in the past five years — thanks to the over-the-phone services of the Ruidoso Optimists Club.

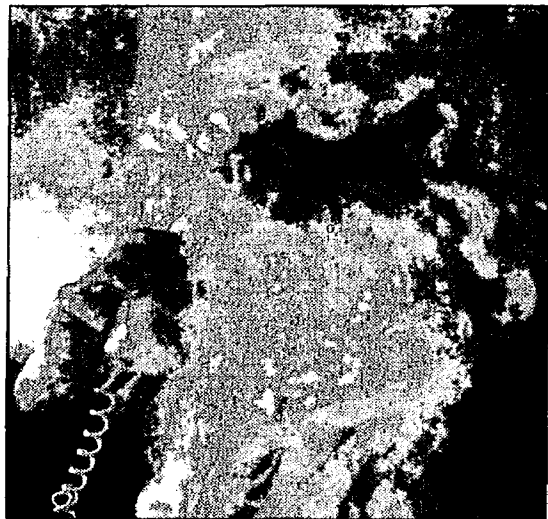
BY TONI K. LAXSON
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Shortly after 6 p.m. Monday, Joe Dan Yates picks up the telephone at his real estate office and makes a call.

"Hello? Who's this? Oh, so that's ... Okay, well, this is Santa Claus of the North Pole."

A member of the Ruidoso Optimist Club, Yates is one of more than a dozen "Santas" who will talk to 150 to 200 youngsters in Ruidoso area this week with the Calls from Santa program.

Based on forms filled out by parents, club members impersonating either Mr. or Mrs. Claus will call children — ages 3 through 6 — and talk



Joe Dan Yates, AKA Santa Claus

about the child's favorite pastime and pets. They also discuss what the child's done that's nice, and what they should work on to keep from being naughty.

"First, we identify ourselves to the parents so they are not skeptical about who's on the phone with their child. And we ask them how the weather is in Ruidoso or Ruidoso Downs or wherever," said program coordinator Jim Wood.

After a brief conversation, the club member compliments the child for good behavior, such as getting good grades in school or for eating vegetables, or whatever the parent has indicated on the form, Wood said.

The member then talks about a behavior that the parent has indicated as something that needs to be changed.

"That they need to clean their room, or they need to eat their vegetables and mind their parents when they are told to do something," Wood said. "The kids are amazed that we

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N.M., Arizona tribal leaders to confer at Inn

BY TONI K. LAXSON
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National tribal leaders are expected to converge on The Inn of the Mountain Gods Friday for an all-day conference regarding issues of tribal sovereignty.

Mescalero Apache Tribal President Wendell Chino said the conference will be the third in a series initiated this fall on the subject.

"It's an issue that's received both national and regional attention from tribes across the country," Chino said Tuesday afternoon.

Tribes, primarily from Arizona and New Mexico, began holding conferences this fall on sovereignty issues. The first conference was in November in Window Rock, Ariz., and the second a few weeks ago at Isleta Pueblo, Chino said.

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RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

WEDNESDAY

High ... 53
Low ... 10

Mostly Sunny



THURSDAY

High ... 56
Low ... 16

Partly Cloudy



FRIDAY

High ... 47
Low ... 20

Rain/Snow



WEATHER ALMANAC

Ruidoso Readings	High	Low	Precip.
Friday	35	5	trace
Saturday	47	10	.00"
Sunday	52	10	.00"
Monday	57	12	.00"

Regional-Wednesday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	52	23	Mostly Sunny
El Paso, TX	59	28	Sunny
Lubbock, TX	60	26	Sunny
Midland, TX	62	28	Sunny



Nov./Dec. phases of the moon

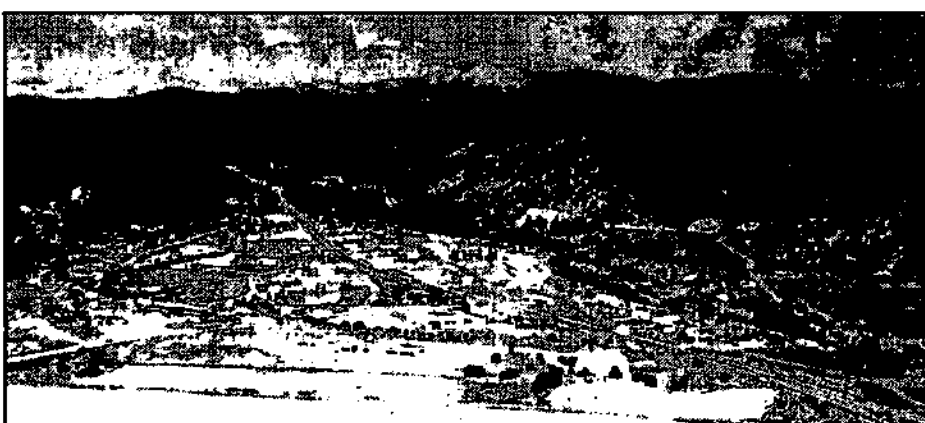


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Toward the "Y" and Ruidoso coming up from the valley on U. S. 70.

L.C. SCRAPBOOK

A glimpse into Lincoln County's past, compiled from local newspapers by Polly E. Chavez.

Ruidoso News
Dec. 19, 1947

A light, single-motor plane was badly damaged but the pilot was only shaken up in a crash immediately north of Green Tree (now Ruidoso Downs) Sunday.

John Anderson of Slaton, Texas, was attempting to land for a visit with his parents, who live nearby. He over-shot

the pasture and failed to pull up before crashing into the fence on the Staples place. The plane missed the Staples' home by only a dozen feet.

The propeller and undercarriage were damaged beyond repair, and the wings were badly dented. Anderson estimated the damage at about \$1,000.

Young Staples, who assisted Anderson from the plane, looked ruefully at a smashed Christmas tree in the yard. He had hoped to decorate it for the holiday season.

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SANTA: Kids walking on air after their call

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know so much about them, that Santa Claus knows so much about them."

Wood started the program here soon after the club formed five years ago.

"We were looking for a project that didn't cost any money," he said.

He remembered the program as something that his Optimists club in Illinois did.

The Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department agreed to print up request forms for parents to complete. The club distributes 900 forms every year to schools and public buildings. Parents complete the forms, which are mailed back to the village department and handed to club members, who call the children.

Initially, GTE provided

"We usually end up with 200 phone calls to make."

Jim Wood,
Program coordinator

telephones for the calls, Wood said. In recent years, Santa calls have been made from the Century 21 Aspen Real Estate offices, offered for use by Yates, Wood said.

This year, club members began making their calls on Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. They will conclude their calls tonight (Wednesday).

Roughly 15 members will respond to about 150 requests from parents for a Santa Call, though the actual number of children contacted is much higher, Wood said.

"We usually end up with 200 phone calls to make," he said. "We also like to say

"Hello, to the brothers and sisters of the one we're calling, even if we don't have a form for them."

Some of the Santa and Mrs. Clauses really run with their impersonations, Yates said. Club member Emmett Hatch, for example, will interrupt his conversations with children to tell Rudolph to "get off the table," Yates said.

Club member Sylvia Wilson, who impersonates a Spanish-speaking Mrs. Claus, was laughing as she hung up from one of her calls Monday night.

"She called, she called, she called," Wilson said, repeating the child's enthusiastic response.

"Those kids are walking on air when we get through talking with them," Wood said. "And the Optimists get as much a kick out of it as the kids do."

TRIBES: Stand on sovereignty

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One outcome of this conference may be a formal statement by the tribes regarding sovereignty.

"Well, some documents have been prepared," Chino said. "And I think that these documents will reflect what tribes are thinking."

A conference coordinator said 150 tribal leaders from about the country are expected to attend, including Albert Hale, president of the Navajo Nation; Roy Bernal, executive director of the All Indian Pueblo Council; and Roger Jourdain, formerly chairman for 30 years of the Red Lake Chippewa in Minnesota. Jourdain also will be a speaker at the conference, a coordinator said.

SNOW: Reservations indicate that the good word is getting out

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of us," said Joan Bailey, executive director at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.

At least one ski shop is still waiting to reap snow-induced business, though.

"So, far it's really slow," said Janet Steed of Steed's Ski Sport. "I don't think there's a shop in town that isn't really slow."

The problem is skiers are waiting to rent their equipment until they get up to Ski Apache and see the snow for themselves, said Steed, who has been in the ski shop business here for more than a decade. And, "we have had such bad snow for the past few years, that people just don't believe that we have good snow anymore," she said.

The shop has been receiving some reservations for equipment after the Christmas season, which is a good sign, she added, saying that those reservations should increase after holiday visitors see Ski Apache's snow conditions.

After four bad ones (ski seasons), we definitely need a good winter. I think everyone's been just hanging on praying for a good one," Steed said. "I would be happy with even an average year."

Despite recent lean years, none of the local ski shops have been forced to close, she said. "Which is pretty amazing."

A good forecast

Bailey said reservations at area lodges are being made farther in advance than in previous years. The reason for this is being attributed to visitors' increasing confidence in continued good skiing conditions at Ski Apache, where the snow base ranges from 42 to 56 inches. Parker said the base is enough to keep bringing in skiers during January even without more snow.

Nor does Ski Apache need the extensive snowfall other ski resorts do to provide good skiing,

Bailey said.

"We just don't have the huge boulders that they have to cover up," Bailey said.

Both Clark Carpenter, owner of Dan Dee Cabins, and Teresa Beatty, owner of Forest Home cabins, said they are usually booked up for the holidays, so have no way to measure an increase at that time. Both have seen a slight increase of bookings for January.

"Afterwards (the holidays) the snowfall will affect our business," Beatty said. Steve Tally, manager for the Best Western Swiss Chalet and an economic development representative for the chamber, said his hotel also was booked more than usual.

"We're going to be full Dec. 20 through Jan. 3, and that's a good six days that we normally wouldn't be full," Tally said. "We are running several percentage points higher (in occupancy) than normal right now."

The big benefit of the snow to lodgings will occur when visitors don't cancel holiday and

post-holiday reservations, Tally said.

People have been using the hotel's 800 reservation telephone number to check skiing conditions.

"We don't mind because it means business," he said. "From what I've heard, we've had better snow than Vail, Colo. ... And I would encourage locals to go up and try that mountain because it's awesome."

Bailey emphasized the importance of local business owners being enthusiastic as well as informed about the snow on Ski Apache. And every business, she said, should have brochures on the ski resort available for clients to pick up.

"What we want to do is take advantage of this wonderful winter season and cultivate a relationship" with the skiers who come here, she said.

Ski Apache provides daily updates on snow and road conditions as well as the number of open runs, Parker said. Call 257-9001 for the daily update.



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TAX CUT: It's a complicated effort to change state property tax laws

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at the meeting, sold the property or it was transferred to heirs because of death.

The move would allow individuals and local governments to budget better, he said.

At the other end, a 5 percent cap per year would be imposed on tax rate increases, or the amount needed by a taxing entity, whichever is less.

The theory behind the proposal is that existing housing does not put additional strain on municipal and county services, Howell said.

"What strains services is new construction, new subdivisions and more people," he said.

Paul Baca, deputy county assessor, interjected that unless a limit also is placed on bonding, groups could get around tax and assessment caps by pushing through more bond issues.

Sticking with acquisition value would create a win/win situation, Howell said. He cited:

- It's more equitable.
- It links tax liability to the ability to pay more directly than market values.

- It's more predictable.
- It's less subjective.

- No prohibitive property value increases will occur due to overall increases in property values.

- Government will get increases in revenue from new construction, user fees and charging for services.

"Wouldn't it be something to pay for what you got and not for what someone else is getting," he said.

He encouraged individuals, civic and social groups to write their legislative representatives and leaders of both parties in Santa Fe.

"You're going to have to keep a fire built under it," Howell said. "This piece of legislation needs to be put into their hands and put into bill form, not 140 pages long, but to fit on an index card. It needs to stay simple. Together we can make a difference."

People also can help by being watchful at budget times

to ensure various taxing entities in their areas don't overspend, he said.

A former California resident suggested a committee be formed to promote the tax proposal and that its members come from a wide range of backgrounds, geographic areas and business interests such as real estate. That will help grab the attention of legislators, he said.

Roseleo "Leo" Barraza, director of the property tax division of the state Department of Taxation and Revenue in Santa Fe, present for the meeting, urged supporters of the plan to involve state tax officials in sessions where the proposal is discussed.

"I think it would be very reckless to tell the public that a (property value) freeze will result in less taxes," he said. "We've had values go down and taxes still have gone up. Budgets drive taxes. That's where taxes are controlled."

He said other means already are available to help the elderly and those with low incomes. The county can approve tax rebates, he said. But then the burden is thrown onto the middle class property tax payer, he added.

Legislators also are looking at a constitutional amendment to put before voters that would regulate property tax increases based on the owners age, income and classification of home, Barraza said.

He defended County Property Assessor Patsy Serna, saying if she didn't fulfill her legal function, the state would step in and do it for her.

Howell said whatever system now exists is not working and he's not afraid to try something new.

"Fifteen years ago in California, (tax initiative) Proposition 13 passed and that state hasn't fallen off the edge yet," Howell said.

But Barraza said three counties in New Mexico already are broke and a mis-



Illustrating his point, Commissioner Wilton Howell used money and groceries as props to show how property taxes have increased much more than food prices over the past 40 years.

take would have more direct impact here.

Noting that Gov. Gary Johnson has called for a \$60 million tax cut, Commission Chairman L. Ray Nunley wondered whether property tax legislation could be worked into that equation.

"Some relief is needed, but it must be equitable," Barraza said. "Costs are going up for road repair and services taxpayers want. In California, Proposition 13 created a lot of problems for funding. Counties went broke and couldn't fix potholes in their roads."

Tony Seno, head of the local Libertarian Party, said, "He would prefer state officials stay

out of the way and let citizens carry the ball. But citizen initiatives are no longer legal in New Mexico, another man said. At some point the issue will be up to the legislature.

DEATHS FUNERALS

Lial W. Brewer

Lial W. Brewer, a 14-year resident of Alto, died Saturday, Dec. 13, at his home after a lengthy illness. He was 73.

A memorial service will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. at the Community United Methodist Church with the Rev. Harry Riser officiating.

Born in Hershey, Neb. on April 11, 1924, he spent most of his early life in Wyoming. He was a World War II Navy veteran and worked as an industrial hygiene chemist with the U. S. Public Health Service and later with Sandia National Laboratories. He retired in 1983 and subsequently was involved in community activities, especially with the Museum of the Horse. He also was known for his stained glass work.

His wife of 48 years, La Verne, survives. Other survivors include a daughter, Linda Barton, of Albuquerque; sons Steven of California and Michael of Albuquerque; and six grandchildren.

The family has requested memorials to Hospice of Lincoln County, 119 El Paso Road, Ruidoso.

Arrangements are under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

James W. 'Bill' Stirman

Services have been scheduled for James William (Bill) Stirman, who died Sunday, Dec. 14, at the age of 52.

Visitation will be at LaGrone Funeral Chapel from

4 to 6 p.m. Friday, with funeral services Saturday at 2 p.m. at Gateway Church of Christ. Burial will follow at the Ruidoso-Hondo Cemetery.

A Ruidoso native, he was a graduate of New Mexico State University. His career included teaching, coaching football, and real estate sales.

Survivors include his wife, Kay; son Logan of Denver; daughter Laura Stadjuhar and grandchildren Colby and Georganna of Las Cruces; sisters Betty Means of Marble Falls, Texas and Peggy Fisher of Ruidoso; brother Tom Reed of waco, Texas, and many nieces and nephews.

LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso is in charge of arrangements.

Jeannine L. Johnson

Graveside services for Jeannine L. Johnson of Nogal, who died Monday at her home, will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Angus Cemetery.

Born on Jan. 3, 1906, in Nogal, she lived there until her death at age 91.

She was a retired rancher.

She is survived by brothers Fred LaMay of Carrizozo, Roy E. LaMay of Roswell and Tommy LaMay of San Antonio, and sisters Copra Mildred Dutton of Capitan and Ruth Eloise Aguayo of Albuquerque, as well as a number of nieces and nephews.

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Ruidoso Downs lists its employee holidays

The Ruidoso Downs Village Council recently approved the following 1998 holiday schedule for village employees:

President's Day
Monday, Feb. 16
Memorial Day
Monday, May 25
Independence Day Friday,

July 3
Labor Day
Monday, Sept. 7
Columbus Day
Monday, Oct. 12
Veteran's Day
Wednesday, Nov. 11
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OUR OPINION

Government's not business

Does anybody remember the '94 election, when Gary Johnson was put in the governor's chair? It was only three years ago, but in some respects it seems ancient history.

Here was a successful businessman who promised to make government work like a business; to do things efficiently and economically; to eliminate waste; to keep "politics" out of administration.

It was promising enough for him to beat Bruce and Alice King at the polls, and to go into office with some sort of a mandate to try a different approach.

He tried, starting with Indian gaming. Then he sought to replace a couple of regents at a state institution. And after much strain and pain, his administration this year sought to reform the welfare system.

In each case, the governor ran into a major adversary. Partisans backing the governor's efforts have complained in almost every instance that the New Mexico Supreme Court keeps blocking his effort at change; that, somehow, the Democrats appointed to the state's highest judicial body are deliberately undermining the governor's effort to change the system.

Well ... yes, the court has ruled against the governor and his administration frequently. That's because they keep finding that the governor tries to do things that are unconstitutional.

The administration tried to legalize gambling on the Indian reservations without the Legislature's approval. *Unconstitutional.*

The administration early on tried to remove two members of the New Mexico Tech board of regents after the board canceled a contract with the governor's construction company. *Unconstitutional.*

The administration tried to create its own state welfare program without the Legislature's approval. *Unconstitutional.*

It seems to us that the governor needs to go to college and take some basic course work in the American system of government; to learn about the independence of executive, legislative and judicial branches; to learn that the checks and balances of the system are deliberate.

And these deliberate checks and balances are to protect business people like Gary Johnson. Our system is emulated around the world because it protects the individual from the power of the state. Happily, election to office in this state and nation does not give a mandate to violate constitutional law.

We hope, in the year remaining in the governor's present term (assuming he'll go for another), Governor Johnson will learn that government is not a business, and never, ever can be run like one.



THE DREAMER

Early memories of Christmas Day

The heavy snows of late have brought in some fairly cold weather; but then on Dec. 11, Jack Frost brought us a mid-winter temperature of 4 above. Now today at an hour past high noon it is 62 at the yard gate; and out on the sunny meadow, Pilgrim, the youngest calf, age two weeks, is lying stretched out soaking up the sunshine.

Still out on the yard pathway, those faithful little visitors, the Snow Birds, remind us that winter is on the way. And the spirit of Christmas abides throughout the mountain land as the birthday of our Infant Savior draws near.

About this time of year, my thoughts go back to my first and second Christmas celebration in Valdez, Alaska.

My first Christmas, I was hardly two months old, and it seems I have the faintest memories of organ music, and voices singing; and the smell of the



BY DAN STORM
 COLUMNIST

evergreen incense given off by the lighted Christmas tree.

My second Christmas I was a year and two months old. And this I remember very well. The tree was a Sitka Spruce, first cousin to our own Blue and Silver Spruce. The tree, which reached to the ceiling, was lighted by small candles, held to the twigs with special little holders. I have one of these left from those times somewhere in the house.

The tree was decorated with the same ornaments we use today, plus home-made decorations...

Under the tree I sat half buried in taffy candy canes, fudge and toys, including a turquoise-colored drum (which I called my "greenidge-blue drum"), a toy bugle, a top that played a Christmas carol as it spun, and a miniature Xylophone, which you played with small wooden mallets.

I recall the sound of voices singing to the accompaniment of a small portable church organ.

The electric lights of today, which took the place of the candles of years ago, give off enough heat to bake out the evergreen incense on the pifon tree here in the room, and as I inhale the tree's fragrance, my memory goes back to this second Christmas, and I hear voices singing and the strains of organ music, and I am once again in Valdez, around the Christmas tree, with father, mother and brother John.

Snowy December

I was telling my neighbor Bob Lambert that this was an especially snowy December — that usually we don't have heavy snows during this month. Bob said the biggest snowstorm he remembers was in mid-December in 1936 while he was ranching near Prescott, Ariz.

His partner took suddenly ill, and Bob lifted him onto a packhorse and led the way through four feet of snow to where the sick man could be taken to a hospital.

I said those must have been tough times.

"Oh, no," says Bob, "that was just part of our life. We always were ready for winter. We had plenty of chuck, plenty of wood and plenty of feed."

That seems like a very good deal anytime, including today.

Let us lookout for some way to help everybody have a blessed Christmas...

YOUR OPINION

A broad view of 'Liberty'

To the editor:

Your editorial on the excellent PBS program "Liberty" was clearly well-intentioned but did a disservice to several of the program's subjects. You cited only the vain, petty and selfish characteristics of Franklin, Washington and Hamilton, revealing in the program and ignored its copious documentation of their wisdom, statesmanship, courage and vision.

Franklin's delicate diplomatic maneuvering of the French to gain their desperately needed help; Washington's sacrifice of six years of his life to lead the rag-tag, bankrupt Continental Army in a very dicey cause and then to surrender his sword when victory was his and thereby renounce any claim to being king; and Hamilton's ability to envision and create the structure of government for which the revolution had prepared the country: These were the things the program emphasized and, among many else, they are worth remembering.

Today's media too often focus on the wars and miss the whole person, "Liberty" did not do this, and your editorial could have better reflected that.

Robert LaRue
 Lincoln

Olympics next year

To the editor:

This is long past due...since it has been a myth since the

Special Olympics were in town, but our time does get away from us during the Christmas season.

As the meals coordinator for the Olympics, I would like to thank all of the volunteers that so generously donated their time from 5 a.m. until all of the meals and events were finished...

I would like to share my gratitude for the staff of the Convention Center for a fantastic job... I could not have asked for a better run center.

I am thrilled to be able to offer my services again next November as the meals coordinator. If anyone is interested in volunteering for a meal or a day, please drop me a note at 714 Mechem, Ruidoso.

Lynn E. Price
 Ruidoso

The way Stacey was

To the editor:

We are writing this to the wonderful people of Lincoln County, and to many others that we heard from that read this newspaper.

Brad and I want to express our deep appreciation for the many people that pulled together and helped us when we lost our only child, Stacey.

We can only imagine a few things worse than what we have been through. We tell people that are having problems and say "well, things just couldn't get any worse." Don't say that, we know from experience that they can. We know that worse things

can happen. For us now, nothing in our life can ever be the same.

Our families that came in from out of town were absolutely amazed at the love, prayers and outpouring of caring people that came to meet our needs.

Although they all knew what Stacey meant to us, and that nothing could change the situation, they tried in every way they knew how to help us with our pain and grief.

We want to thank each and everyone of you for whatever small or large thing that you might have done for us. All things were greatly appreciated.

We miss Stacey more than words can ever express. She touched more lives than we ever imagined.

She loved our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Most of the time His love, joy and forgiveness shined through her. We had to remind ourselves many times that she was 13, a teen-ager and human.

We don't know what our future will be like without her. Our past has been full of 10 summers of playdays with Lincoln County Rodeo Club; five years of 4-H, showing rabbits, chickens, market lambs; and her favorite, showing the Burchett's dairy heifers. Last year, Wednesday evenings, she went to the Crossfire II youth group at Trinity Southern Baptist Church.

This year it was all of the above, plus P.E.A. school and volleyball. Next year she was going to add high school rodeo.

She was so busy, but loved it.

Brad and I want to thank everyone. Please keep lifting us up in your prayers. We have been told that this is a long row to hoe; our life must find a new direction... Right now we are trying just to understand why.

Brad and Allison Thorne
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Partnership shapes up to provide more immediate health care for Hondo Valley

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A partnership involving the Lincoln County Commission, the Hondo school district, the public health department and possibly the hospital in Ruidoso should mean better and more immediate health care for residents of Hondo Valley.

County Commissioner Monroy Montes Tuesday proposed moving a metal building, previously used as a dental clinic and now designated for storage of voting machines in Carrizozo, to Hondo school property off U.S. 70.

As part of his proposal, \$20,000 set aside to build a shelter for an ambulance in the community would be designated to cover the cost of moving the building within the next 30

days and making whatever improvements may be necessary. A good part is that the building also meets requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, he said.

There was a meeting Nov. 18 at the Hondo school and more than 100 people asked the county to establish a clinic in the Hondo Valley," said Montes, who lives in the area.

"The Health and Wellness Advisory Board urged us to take the initiative and establish a clinic there."

But County Clerk Martha Proctor asked where her voting machines will be stored if the building is not available. More than 30 are scattered in county buildings, hallways and other climate controlled areas, but 13 more are due to arrive soon, she said.

Earlier in the year, Montes attempted unsuccessfully to convince the majority of commissioners to apply for a Community Development Block Grant to finance a mobile clinic that would visit Hondo as well as other outlying communities in the county. They chose to use the application for improvements to the Lincoln County Fair Building.

Hondo School Supt. Barbara Casey said her school board passed a resolution asking the county to recognize the need for accessible health care in a community where 90 percent of the students are Medicaid eligible.

"We desperately need help," she said.

The school board is willing to use part of a \$30,000 grant from the State Highway and

Transportation Department to prepare the site for the building at the school since the money is to be used to expand the parking area anyway, she said. The district also would contribute furniture, paint and labor in return for being able to provide medical services to students without disrupting school, she said.

"As a former state legislator with friends in Santa Fe, Mrs. Casey may have more luck seeking other money to help run it," Montes said.

The county would not be involved in the operation of the clinic, only in providing the building, Montes said. It would be up to the community to make the clinic operational.

"If it grows, it could be taken under the wing of public health or the hospital," he said.

"I think for now we should give the money to the school district and let them go with it."

When town meetings were conducted on the need for a clinic, Hondo residents showed a good turnout with more than 125 attending, said a representative of the health and wellness board.

Dr. Ray Seidel had proposed establishing a private clinic in the Hondo Valley during meetings on the subject, she said.

Commissioner Rex Wilson said he had no objection to moving the building to Hondo, but he expects County Manager Frank Potter to come back next month with alternatives for storage of the voting machines, which each cost \$5,000.

He also wanted to see a

firm commitment on how the clinic would operate and said he didn't want to create a new health care entity. He would prefer it be operated by the hospital or public health department.

"I don't want to put the school district in the health care business," Wilson said.

"Quite a few school-based health facilities exist and the district is willing to take that responsibility and I will do the extra work necessary to make it work," Casey said. "We need this desperately. I have a Chaves County doctor willing to work with us to get a health provider. We don't need to depend on just one entity."

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On the loop



Visitor Martha Booth of Roswell, right, was one of many taking the Christmas Art Loop tour who stopped at Art-malia in Capitan. Here she visits with potter Karen Pritchett, whose work is exhibited at the gallery.

Toni K. Lawson/Ruidoso News

The word from White Mountain Elementary School Christmas break is nice, but it's just too short

BY JULIE BAXTER
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

As Clement Moore told it in "Twas the night before Christmas," children's thoughts turn to sugarplums and presents this time of year. But local youth have something else on their minds right now — a two-week vacation.

Ruidoso Public School students will attend a half-day of classes on Friday. They won't return to their desks and lockers until Jan. 5.

Two weeks of freedom has students thinking of skiing, shopping, sleeping in and pigging out.

White Mountain Elementary School student Michael Torres, 9, said the food is his favorite part of Christmas. "I'm going to eat a lot," he said.

Some of Torres' classmates said they're going to use the two-week break to visit family, do

some shopping and hit the snow.

"I'm going up to my dad's house in the Upper Canyon and spend Christmas with my aunt and my uncle and everybody," said Caitlin Dennehy, 10. "And I'm going shopping with my aunt."

Brianna Sherrell, 9, is going shopping, while Lauren Sportsman, 9, is going to the movies, and Rett Smith, 9, and Michelle Raven, 9, are going skiing.

Smith is planning to hit the slopes at the new sledding hill at Eagle Creek Sports Complex, which will be open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., everyday during Christmas vacation.

If snow and stores aren't what youngsters are looking for, there are other options to fill those 14 days. Funtrackers will be open seven days a week and the Museum of the Horse will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for some educational entertainment.

But students don't necessari-

ly have to be going somewhere to enjoy their time off. Ruidoso Middle School student Isabel Guerrero, 13, said, "sleeping, watching TV."

No matter what their plans or their age, students all seemed to agree on one thing — two weeks goes too fast.

"Two weeks is not long enough," Dennehy said.

Her friend, Rosie Perales, 10, said, "Your right, it's not long enough."

Guerrero agreed with her younger counterparts. "They should make it a month."

Despite the excitement and anticipation of vacation and an armful of presents, the meaning behind the holiday hasn't been lost.

White Mountain Elementary student Daniel Ruiz, 9, said "celebrating Jesus" is what he likes most about Christmas.

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Seasonal art



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"The Angel Tree" provides Christmas gifts to children who would otherwise not receive any, coordinators say.

An Angel Tree has been set up at First Federal Savings Bank at 398 Sudderth Drive. Tags on the tree provide the first name, age, clothing sizes and toy wishes of a child.

The tree is being sponsored by the Child Abuse Prevention Task Force, The Counseling Center, Inc., Headstart, Children Youth and Families, Raindancer Youth Services and First Federal Savings Bank.

Those helping may pick up an Angel Tag and return the wrapped gift to the tree, or leave at The Counseling Center at 1707 Sudderth Drive.

Donors may also call the Raindancer Youth Services at 258-3132 for information and to have gifts picked up.

Tootsie Roll drive funds

Ruidoso's Knights of Columbus Council sponsors a Tootsie Roll drive annually to benefit the handicapped. All year long canisters are placed at local businesses.

After the money is collected and the cost of Tootsie Rolls deducted, 90 percent is returned to the local council.

This year's recipients were Casa Alegre, which maintains private homes for the mentally impaired, and the Region IX Education Cooperative, which also has program to help the impaired. The checks will be presented before Christmas.

Teaming up for holiday

Employees of The Links at Sierra Blanca, The Hubbard Foundation, Ruidoso Downs Racing and the Museum of the Horse have pulled together for a worthy cause.

The employees gathered food, gifts and clothing to be donated to local service organizations. The gifts and clothes will be given to the Ruidoso office of the state Health and Human Resources Department and the food will be given to the Lincoln County Food Bank.

This is the first time the employees have collected items for the needy, but they plan to continue the project for years to come.

For more information, call 258-5330.

Christmas gift from the IRS awaiting 9 in area

Looking for extra money to pay those after-holiday credit card bills? You may have a tax refund coming from the Internal Revenue Service.

Six hundred sixty-four New Mexico taxpayers have \$352,338.99 due them. One lucky New Mexico taxpayer has a refund of \$108,488.72 just waiting to be claimed," said Jack B. Cheskaty, IRS district director for the southwest district. "The average refund for the New Mexico taxpayer is \$530.60."

If you have not received or are unsure if you received your refund, call the IRS at (800) 829-1040. You will need to provide your Social Security number, mailing address as listed on the tax return, your new mailing address, and the amount of the refund expected.

The IRS provided the names and last known residences of nine people to whom tax refunds are due:

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Lincoln Town hit by loss of loved ones; grappling with 'bugs'

We have lost so many friends and family members the past month. Our sympathies go to the Frances, Garcia, Lambert, Racher, Cornett and Vigil families.

Get well to Ashworth, Mandy Arrowsmith, who suffered a knee injury in volleyball, Norm Stevens and others who are suffering from allergies and colds. Several of us have lost our voices and others have had bronchitis and pleurisy also.

LINCOLN TRAILS



BY ROSALEE DUNLAP
RUIDOSO NEWS
CORRESPONDENT

As you have probably guessed, we have been on the road again. We attended the state meeting of the New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau in Las Cruces, along with several others from Lincoln County.

To top everything, I was having so much trouble with my computer I finally had to re-program it. Of course it is never the operator's fault. Anyway, my handwriting is atrocious and I wasn't going to let the News crew try to read my terrible handwriting.

Last week I was called for District Court jury duty and getting to Capitan in time to take my finals in the Windows '95 calls, so I didn't get my news sent.

We have had a good wet snow, a light dry snow and plenty of windy and cold weather. This week is starting off rather nice, but sounds like we might get some weather toward the end of the week.

Everyone is getting ready for Christmas. The Episcopal Church will have their annual Christmas Eve festivities with the luminarias and church services at San Juan's church. There will be refreshments following the church services at the Dunlap's.

Santa Claus will be at the Lincoln firehouse after the lighting of the luminarias.

Father Berg will hold Catholic church services at 10 p.m., also at San Juan's Church in Lincoln.

We have a new art gallery in town. Gary and Dee Miller have opened the Uptown Art Gallery, located at their home across from the Dr. Wood house. They had a lovely open house to introduce everyone to the art work.

Saturday night must have been Lincoln Town at the "Cowboy Christmas" performance at the Spencer Theater. It seemed most of us were there. It was a fun and enjoyable evening for all.



Today's the day

According to Dusty Cocchiola at the Ruidoso Post Office, today's the day to mail those packages if you want them to arrive in time for Christmas.

Cocchiola's advice was to mail anything headed for the East Coast priority mail to make sure it gets there in time. For the Midwest and the West, he said packages should arrive on time, but sending items priority mail would ensure their timely arrival.

Night lights

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Christmas lights must give off some type of happy gas, because the people who spend weeks each winter decorating their homes seem to radiate a special joy and appreciation of the season.

They take delight in coming up with new themes and searching for different displays. They willingly dedicate their weekends and off-work hours to climbing ladders and working with tangled wiring to create holiday fantasies on their lawns.

Seven families and 12 businesses competed this year in the Christmas lighting contest cosponsored by the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce and Texas-New Mexico Power.

Interest is growing each year as more and more neighborhoods feel the spirit and more and more business owners realize that tourists find gaily decorated villages enchanting, said Lisa Muhn, special events coordinator for the chamber.

"I hope people get out and enjoy their efforts," she said. Winners receive plaques in recognition of their efforts.

And the winner is

Judged Friday, the top winners are House of Kelham at 2801 Sudderth Drive for interior commercial, Lookout Estates at 220 Lookout Drive for commercial exterior and Carl and Viola Jackson, who also won last year, at 430 Dipalo Hill Drive in Ruidoso Downs for residential.

Second and third place winners for residential were Doug and Reba Zemik, 118 Meander Dr. in Ruidoso, and John Rossiter, 104 Encanto Road, Ruidoso.

A passion since childhood

Doug and Reba Zemik have been adding and perfecting their display for more than 20 years. They started in Tucson when their children were still at home and they are continuing the tradition with 18 month and 3-year-old foster children they are raising, offspring of their nephew.

"It was relaxing to me after I got off work," Zemik said of how he started his preoccupation with Christmas lights. "I was running two contracting companies and it was stressful."

They started putting lights on trees and hedges around the house, then added reindeer and a waving Santa. This year, they found a helicopter that goes up and down, a carousel (mounted on the roof) that goes around, and music that caps off the mood.

"We have about 9,000 lights," Zemik said. If he could work without interruptions like running concrete and Koehler garage door businesses, it still would take 10 days to put up, he said. He and his wife began before Thanksgiving and have worked nearly every day since then.

"I have no idea what it costs," he said. "It's not the cost, it's the fun of it. If your life revolves around cost, you never do something like this."

The couple moved to Ruidoso in 1995, but have lived in the Meander Drive home for two winters.

"We already have next year's planned," Zemik said. "We're going to a complete



Brad Bennet designed, cut out and painted the Santas that decorate his home at 428 Juniper Dr.

lighting system to project on a screen on the roof. We hope to do the 12 days of Christmas, a real high-impact thing that would go off each half hour."

Everything would be computerized. What he has today also is coordinated by computer, something that takes a little longer to finish, but is well worth it, Zemik said.

A simpler approach

Less high tech is the approach of retired teachers Brad and Audrey Bennett at 425 Juniper Road in Ruidoso Downs. Just down the road from top winner Jackson, they have created a scene as satisfying during daylight hours as at night.

Using designs from smaller figures, Bennett built and painted angular Santa Clauses in the old world traditional style. They line the entrance to his home and are accented with a holiday greeting and lights around the trees fronting the couple's property.

A sea of lights

John Rossiter: nearly engulfed his home and yard in lights at 104 Encanto Road, Ruidoso.

"I have no idea the number of lights," he said. "I've been doing it here for seven years and it grows some and changes from year to year. I did it before, about 20 years all together."

The job is a little easier now that all four of his children are old enough to help.

"The children probably are the main reason we do it," he said. The "we" is wife Bonnie Rossiter, owner of ABC Outlet.

Even as a group effort, it takes the family about one week to put all of the lights in place. That includes a cluster of reindeer and a sled on one side of the house, light drenched trees on the other, windows, roof lines and railings trimmed in lights, a waving Santa Claus, snowflakes and a Merry Christmas greeting.

"It's kind of a war together each year," Rossiter said of the undeclared competition with neighbors Janie and John Kinstingen at 108 Encanto Road. "And we try to get the guy in the middle to have something."

"One year we're going to get the whole cul-de-sac."

A new tradition

The Kinstingens started a tradition of Christmas lighting when they began a new marriage seven years ago. The old high school sweethearts each went through first unsuccessful marriages and then rediscovered each other at a 20 year reunion.

"I think that's why we got so into it (Christmas lighting), because we had to make a new family and that was one of the things we did that we had never done before," Janie Kinstingen said.

"Of course, we've seen a huge jump in the electric bill, but it's totally worth it to us," she said. "We love it for our kids. We love going out into the street and seeing it with our neighbors. It puts us in the spirit real fast. Our kids help now. They get excited. We all kind of do it together. As a neighborhood we do it together. We talk and laugh a lot about it."

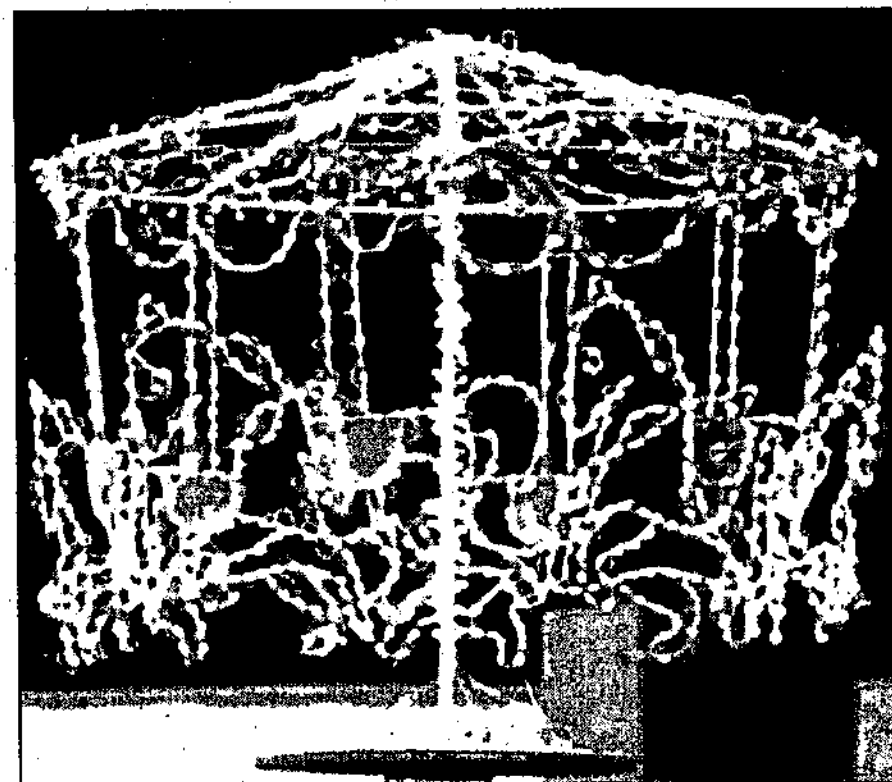
The wreath in the front yard alone took nine packages of lights and the archway even more, she said. She learned how to do the arch from a clerk at Wal-Mart just this year, she said.

The family display, which capitalizes on the shape of the home and its placement on a higher elevation, took a week to put together, she said.

The two families hope their enthusiasm is picked up by others on the block. They've already seen a difference. The home owner between them has created a display this year and others along the street are beginning to add some touches.

Also lit up

Other residential participants in the lighting contest are Fred Gerth at 100 Rim Road and Robert Donaldson at 314 Hull Road, both in Ruidoso. Other commercial participants are The Wild Herb Market (inside) at 240 Sudderth Drive, McDonalds at 144 Sudderth Drive, Circle J Bar-B-Q at 1825 Sudderth, Holiday Tyme in the Gazebo Center at 2117 Sudderth, J Roberts at 2608 Sudderth, 5th Street Plaza at 1825 Sudderth, Upper Canyon Inn at 215 Main Road, Riverside Cottages at 101 Flume Canyon Road, Rush Ski and Snow Board at 101 Mechem Drive and Gary Lynch Realty at 616 Mechem Drive.



This season, Doug and Reba Zemik added this carousel to their annual holiday lighting display.

► Light advice

Holiday lighting is one of the brightest features of the season, but it's also a potentially dangerous one. Texas-New Mexico Power Company, which serves the Ruidoso area, offered the following tips to make lighting both attractive and safe.

- Do not place the tree too close to heat sources such as space heaters or fireplaces, and avoid using an open heat source such as candles on the tree.
- Lights and extension cords should be tested for safety and bear the Underwriters' Laboratories (UL) label.
- Always check lights for damage such as exposed wires, loose prongs and cracked or broken sockets.
- Make sure the power is off when stringing lights.
- Use indoor lights and outdoor lights in the proper places. Outdoor lights should be waterproof and should be fastened to trees or structures to prevent damage by winds.
- Do not overload extension cords or light strings. Three sets of lights on an extension cord should be the maximum amount. Avoid connecting large light sets through miniature light sets. Before decorating, check light sets for smoking and melting by placing on a nonflammable surface and plugging in for 10 to 15 minutes.
- Avoid using electric lights on a metallic tree, which can become charged with electricity through faulty wiring. Consider using colored spotlights above or beside the tree instead.
- Indoor lights should be securely attached to trees, and bulbs should not be in direct contact with needles or branches.
- Unplug lights when the tree or house is unattended.
- Water the tree frequently to prevent bulbs from scorching pine needles.
- At the end of the season, careful packing will prevent damage to lights and wiring for next year's use.
- Always keep a fire extinguisher nearby for emergencies. "Decorating can be an enjoyable time for friends and families," said Jim Bassett, TNMP customer relations coordinator. "We want to make sure everyone knows how to string lights carefully to avoid electrical hazards."

SOCIAL CALENDAR

WHAT'S HAPPENING

music

Blues & BBQ - Ruidoso Convention Center

Dec. 27 - PCG/Phil Czolgosz Group, The Bare Bone Blues Band, KGB Blues Band.

Jan. 10 - Bad News Blues Band, KGB Blues Band, \$5 advance, \$6 at door, \$2.50 12 & under. Dinner proceeds to benefit the Chamber's Two Rivers Park Project. Tickets available at the Texas House Cafe and the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Blues At The Texas House

Live entertainment Fridays and Saturdays, open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 24 hours Friday and Saturday and until 10 p.m. Sundays. Also Blues Sundays. For more information call 257-3506.

etc

Spectacular Holiday Laser Light Show

1:30 - 7:30 p.m. Dec 13 thru 20th at the Robert Goddard Planetarium 11th and N. Main, Roswell. All seat \$5 at the door.

First Baptist Church, Ruidoso Downs, Christmas Day Dinner

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Dec 25 at the complex at 361 Hwy 70 East. Everyone is invited for fellowship and to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. For more info,

David Jordan at 378-4611.

Visit Santa At The Attic

1:00 - 3 p.m. every Saturday, in December till Christmas and on Mon. 22. Boys and Girls bring your letters. 1031 Mechem, The Attic Complex, Ruidoso.

Area-Wide Christmas Decorating Contest

Registration forms are now available for the contest. Pick up your registration form at the Chamber of Commerce located at 720 Sud-dorth.

Healing Circles

6:30 p.m. Dec. 17 Parks & Recreation Committee—Village Hall.

clubs/meetings

Health And Wellness Board Meeting

12:15 p.m. Jan. 5, 1998 at the Circle J BBQ.

Lincoln County Democrat Christmas Party

6:30 p.m. Dec 18 at the home of Cece and Charlie Griffin, 222 Barcus Road in Ruidoso. Guests are asked to bring their favorite hors-d'oeuvre, and a nonperishable food item to be donated to the Lincoln County Food Bank. For more info call Griffin at 257-7558.

Noisy Waters Sertoma Club Meeting Place Changed

12 p.m. every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at Circle J BBQ. For more info call Evelyn Shaw at 257-3479.



Pastor Thunman and Cornerstone Church invite you to stop by and see their live nativity scene again this year at 613 Suddorth Dr., Dec. 19, 20, and 21—5:00 till 7:30 p.m. Enjoy free coffee and free hot chocolate. Drive up or walk through.

Model Rocket Association

The association meets the first Thursday of every month at the Space Center's Hubbard Space Science Education Building. Call Bob Turner at 437-2840 days, 434-0405 evening. Outside Alamogordo area call Turner at 800-545-4021.

Optomist Club

The Optomist Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Casa Blanca Restaurant, 501 Mechem Drive. New members always welcome. For more information call Lynn Price at 257-4991 or Vera Wood at 258-9218.

library

Celebrating the Season

3:45-5:15 p.m. Dec 18 at the Ruidoso Library "A European Christmas". Stories, caroling, Christmas cookies, movie.

Bookmobile Schedule

Jan. 13, Feb. 10
Carrizozo/Otero Electric 4:00-6:30
Dec. 10, Jan. 14, Feb. 11
Carrizozo/Otero Electric 7:30-8:30 a.m.
Nogal Store 9:00-10:00
Captain Smokey Bear Cafe 10:30-12:00
Lincoln B.O. 2:45-3:00
Hondo Store 4:00-5:00
Capitan Public Library 5:30-6:30

Capitan Public Library

106 S. Lincoln Ave. Free registration. The library is open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, with Wednesday evening hours 5:30 to 7:30. 7:30-8:30 p.m.

2:00-4 p.m. Sunday Dec. 21 at the Capitan School Gym there will be the 6th Annual Christmas Concert sponsored by and benefiting the Capitan Public Library. Puppet Show, Santa, instrumentals, vocal singing, a Christmas reading, sing-along, refreshments and door prizes. Tickets at the door, or call Pearl Tippin, 354-7021.

CLUBS

Alcoholics Anonymous

Meets at noon and 8 p.m. in the lower level of the Lincoln Tower (rear entrance), 1096 Mechem, Ruidoso. 258-3643

Alto Women's Association

Meets 11 a.m. Tuesdays at the Alto Club House for lunch at noon and cards at 1 p.m. Business meeting the first Tuesday of every month.

Atheism's Monthly Support Group

Meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Ruidoso Center. 257-9071

American Association of Retired Persons

AARP meets at the Senior Citizens Center behind the Ruidoso Public Library at 10 a.m. the fourth Wednesday of every month.

American Cancer Society of Lincoln County

Meets at noon every fourth Thursday in the Lincoln County Medical Center conference room, Jane Woyall, R.O. Box 2328, Ruidoso, NM 88345.

American Legion

Robert J. Hages, Post 79 Meets 7 p.m. the third Wednesday in the American Legion Building at U.S. Highway 70 and Spring Road in Ruidoso Downs. 257-5796

American Sewing Guild of NM

Neighborhood group meeting. 258-3896

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Meets 7:30 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of every month in the Elks Lodge Building, Hwy. 70.

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Boy Scouts of America

Boy Scouts Troop 59 meets at 7:30 p.m. Mondays at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount. 258-3417.

Boy Scouts of America

Cub Scouts: Ruidoso pack meeting at 2 p.m. the third Sunday of every month.

Cancer Support Group

Meets 7 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at the Texas-New Mexico Power Company, 1100 Mechem, Ruidoso. 258-4082

Choir Group

Meets 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays at 1089 El Paso Road, Las Cruces. Possible car-pool. 258-5621

Co-dependents Anonymous

Step study meeting 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Texas-New Mexico Power Company.

Community Friends of the Vietnam War

Meets at 6 p.m. the first Monday of each month at the VFW Post 7686 Auxiliary Hall, 700 Hwy. 70 West, Alamogordo.

Stress Management Group

Meets 4 p.m. Mondays at The Counseling Center, 1707 Suddorth Drive, Ruidoso. 257-9038

Daughters of the American Revolution

Meets at 11:30 a.m. on the second Thursday of the month. Meet through May. 258-4082 or 257-6974

Disabled American Veterans

Meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month in the American Legion Hall at Hwy. 70 and Spring Road, Ruidoso Downs. 257-5796

Ruidoso Public Library

The library will be closed for the Christmas-Holiday Dec. 23, 25, and Saturday, Dec. 27.

The library will also be closed Jan. 1, 1998 for New Year's Day.

Preschool Story Hour: 2-3 p.m. on Wednesdays and 10-11 a.m. Thursdays. Fun for 3- to 6-year-olds; no sign-ups and it's free.

Sierra Cinema

721 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, 257-9444. "Titanic," "Moose Hunt," "Flubber," and "Scream 2." Call the theater for show times and ratings.

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parks/recreation

Funtrackers

101 Carrizozo Canyon Road, Ruidoso, 257-3275.

Inn of the Mountain Gods

Video arcade, pool tables. The Inn also has tennis courts, horseback riding and fishing. The arcade is located on Carrizozo Canyon Road, Mescalero Apache Reservation, 257-5141.

Rancho Sosegado Trout Fishing/Picnics

Fishing and picnicking at 5 Nogal Canyon Road, Bent, 24 miles W. of Ruidoso on Hwy. 70, 671-4580.

Ruidoso Athletic Club

415 Wingfield, 257-4900.

Ruidoso Bowling Center

Saturday nights "Rock 'n Bowl" at 1202 Mechem Drive, 258-3557.

Ruidoso Gymnastics Association

107 Canyon Rd., Agua Fria subdivision. Year round recreational and competitive gymnastics for boys and girls ages 3 to 12. 378-4468.

Ruidoso Municipal Skateboard Park

White Mountain Drive, Ruidoso.

Women's Pool League

7 p.m. Sundays at the Ruidoso Bowling Center. 257-3557.

CHURCHES

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Apache Indian Assembly of God, Mescalero, 671-4747. Donald Pettey, pastor. Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m. 7 p.m.; Wednesday services: 7 p.m.

First Assembly of God

8150 Road, Ruidoso. Rev. Bill Lerner, Pastor. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Sunday morning worship: 10:45 a.m. (includes children's church); Sunday evening praise: 6 p.m.; Wednesday family night: 7 p.m.

BAPTIST

First Baptist Church

Carrizozo. Hayden Smith, Pastor. Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m. 7:15 p.m.; Church training: 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

First Baptist Church

420 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso. Tim Gilliland, Pastor. Sunday: Contemporary praise & worship 8:30 a.m.; Bible study/Sunday school 9:30 a.m.; traditional worship 11 a.m.; evening prayer and worship 6 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer and discipleship time 6:30 p.m.; Youth Bible study & fellowship 6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church

Ruidoso Downs. David Jordan, Pastor. Sunday: General assembly 9:30 a.m.; Worship hour 11 a.m. Sunday school 9:30 a.m.; Evening worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday: Prayer meeting 6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church

Thinks. Bill Jones, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m.

Iglesia Bautista Vida Eterna

420 Mechem Drive. Luis F. Gomez, Pastor. Domingos: Escuela Dominical 10 a.m.; Culto de Predicacion 11 a.m.; Culto de Predicacion 6 p.m. Miércoles: Estudio Biblico 7 p.m.

Mescalero Baptist Mission

Mescalero. Sunday: Sunday school 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m. 7:15 p.m.; Training unit 6:30 p.m. Wednesday services 6:30 p.m.

Ruidoso Baptist Church

126 Church Drive, Palmer. Gateway. Wayne Joyce, Pastor. Sunday: Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church

Capitan (south on Highway 48), 354-3119. Floyd Goodloe, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.; AWANA Week: 6:30 p.m.

BAHA'I FAITH

Baha'i Faith Meeting in members' homes. 257-2987 or 336-7739

CATHOLIC

St. Eleanor Catholic Church, Ruidoso, 257-2330. Reverend Richard Casarosa, Sacrament of Penance: Sat. 4:30 p.m. or by appointment; Saturday Mass: 6 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 10 a.m. (English), 11:30 a.m. (Bilingual); Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 4:30 p.m. Sunday Mass: St. Jude Thaddeus, San Patricio 8 a.m.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Capitan, 354-9102. Saturday Mass: 5 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 9 a.m.; Monday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.

Santa Rita Catholic Church

Carrizozo, 648-2853. Father Dave Berge, Pastor. Saturday Mass: 6:30

p.m.; Sunday Mass: 11 a.m.; Tuesday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.

St. Theresa Catholic Church

Corona. Sunday Mass: 6 p.m.

St. Joseph Apache Mission

Mescalero. Father Tom Herbst, Pastor. Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Bent. Father Tom Herbst, Pastor. Saturday Mass: 6 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 8 a.m.

CHRISTIAN

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ) Hull and Gavilan Canyon Road, Vern Edmondson, Interim Pastor. Sunday School: K-12/Adult: 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.; Chancel Choir: Wednesday 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Church of Christ

Capitan - Highway 48, Les Earwood, Minister. Sunday Bible study: 10 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.

Gateway Church of Christ

415 Suddorth, Ruidoso, 257-4381. Jimmy Sportsman, Minister. Sunday Bible study: 9:30 a.m.; Sunday worship: 10:30 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST LDS

Church of Jesus Christ LDS, Ruidoso Branch, North on Hwy. 48, between mile markers 141/5, 336-4359 or 257-9691. Sunday: Sacrament meeting 10 a.m.; Sunday School 11:10 a.m.; Priesthood Relief Soc. 12:10 p.m.; Primary Young Women: 11:10 a.m.

Church of Jesus Christ LDS

Mescalero Branch, 671-4630. Wray Schalknecht, President, 671-9506. Sunday: Sacrament meeting 10 a.m.; Sunday School and Primary 11:20 a.m.; Priesthood Relief Soc. & Young Women, 12:10 a.m.

EPISCOPAL

Episcopal Church

of the Holy Mount 121 Mescalero Trail, Ruidoso. Father John W. Penin, Rector. Sunday Eucharist: 8 & 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday: Outreach of Kings noon; Eucharist & healing: 5:30 p.m.; Choir practice: 7 p.m.

Episcopal Chapel of San Juan

Lincoln. Sunday: Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.

St. Anne's Episcopal Chapel

Glenoco. Sunday: Holy Eucharist 9 a.m.

St. Nicholas Episcopal Chapel

Carrizozo, 6th & E Street. Sunday: Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.

FOURSQUARE

Capitan Foursquare Church Highway 48, Capitan. Harold W. Perry, Pastor. Sunday School: 10 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m. 7 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.

FULL GOSPEL

Mission Fountain of Living Water San Patricio. Sunday School: 10 a.m.; Evening services: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Tuesday and Friday.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Ruidoso - Kingdom Hall

106 Alpine Village Road, 258-3659, 258-3204. Sunday: Public Talk 1:30 p.m.; Watchtower: 2:20 p.m. Monday: Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Thursday: Ministry School 7:30 p.m.; Service Meet 8:20 p.m.

Congregacion Hispana de los Testigos de Jehova

106 Alpine Village Road, 258-3659, 336-7076. Dom: Reunion Publica 10 a.m.; Estudio de la Biblia 10:50 a.m. Lun: Escuela del Ministerio Teocratico 7 p.m.; Reunion de servicio 7:50 p.m.

LUTHERAN MO. SYNOD

Shepherd of the Hills

1120 Hall Road, 258-4191, 257-5296. Kevin L. Krohn, Pastor. Sunday: Worship 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m. Third Sunday Evening Bible Study, 5:30 p.m., call for location. Call for events.

Wed. Dec. 3, 10, 17 will be Advent

Soup Suppers at 5:30 p.m. with services at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Service 7 p.m.

followed by Jesus' Birthday Party at 8 p.m. Christmas Day service w/communion 10 a.m. New Year's Eve Service w/communion 7 p.m.

METHODIST

Community United Methodist Church

Junction Road, behind Daylight Donuts. Harry Riser, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 8:30 a.m. 10:55 a.m.

United Methodist Church Parish

Trinity Carrizozo/Capitan. Bob Boyd Pastor. 648-2893, 648-2846. CARRIZOZO: Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11:10 a.m. CAPITAN: Sunday worship: 9:15 a.m.; Adult Sunday School 8:30 a.m.; Sunday School: 11 a.m.

PENTECOSTAL

Spirits of Life Apostolic/Pentecostal Tabernacle

Lincoln Ave., Capitan, 257-6864. Alan M. Miller, Pastor. Sunday School: 10 a.m.; Sunday Evening Services: 6 p.m.; Tuesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

ANGUS Church of the Nazarene

Angus, 12 miles north of Ruidoso on Hwy. 48, 336-8032. Charles Hall, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.; Wed. fellowship: 6:30 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN

First Presbyterian Church

Nob Hill, Ruidoso, 257-2220. James Howland, Pastor. Sunday: Church school 9:45 a.m.; worship 11 a.m. Tuesday: Bible study 10-11:30 a.m. Potluck fellowship after worship every third Sunday.

Mountain Ministry Parish Community United

Trinity Mountain Fellowship Gavilan Canyon Road, 336-4213. Sunday: morning prayer 9 a.m.; Sunday school 9:30 a.m.; service 10:30 a.m. Thursday: home Bible study 7 p.m.

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Presbyterian Church

Ancho. Sunday worship: 9 a.m.; Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Corona Presbyterian Church

Worship 11 a.m.

Nogal Presbyterian Church

Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m.; worship 11 a.m.

REFORMED CHURCH

Mescalero Reformed

Mescalero. Bob Schur, Pastor. Sunday: Church school 9:30 a.m.; worship 10:30 a.m. Mon: Junior high youth 6:30 p.m. Wed: High school meeting 7 p.m. Thur: Kids Club (grades 1-5) 3:30.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Seventh Day Adventist

207 Parkway, Agua Fria, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4161. Pastor Rick Lytle 443-1904. Assoc. Pastor Wilbur Morrow 622-1206. Sabbath school 9:30 a.m.; Church service: 11 a.m. Wednesday: Prayer meeting 7 p.m.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Abundant Life Family Church

2810 Suddorth Drive, Suite 210, 257-1188. Mark Gentry, pastor. Sunday worship 4 p.m. Thursday Bible study 7 p.m.

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RUIDOSO NEWS EDUCATION

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RMS becomes a world of learning

BY JULIE BAXTER
RUIDOSO NEWS EDUCATION WRITER

Ruidoso Middle School was transformed into a cultural center last week.

Food, flags and fashion from countries around the world were to be found in several classrooms for the eighth-grade International Fair on Dec. 9. The fair was held in conjunction with a nine-week unit of study on immigration and western movement.

Teacher Dean Hood said the fair connected lessons and students in a more immediate way.

"We don't use textbooks all the time," Hood said. "We do a lot of research."

Lessons within the immigration and western movement theme included research on a country, immigrants from that country and why people leave their homeland for the United States. Students also studied assimilation and the values and culture that comes with immigrants when they arrive in America.

This is the second year that Hood and teacher Dori Stierwalt and their eighth-grade students have held an International Fair. The lessons are part of the team-teaching approach used in eighth grade at Ruidoso Middle School. Hood explained that lessons are broken down into nine-week themes. The first nine

weeks for his and Stierwalt's team focused on ancestors and "where I come from."

The second unit of study was travel, which for Hood and Stierwalt's team, meant lessons on immigration and travel.

At the fair, students hosted booths featuring 24 countries. Some countries like Ireland, Scotland and England were combined into one booth, while others shared their space with no other land.

Inside each booth were maps, posters illustrating the forces that cause people to leave the country and what brought them to the United States. Hood said booths also featured life-size paper dolls in the country's native dress, although some featured real life dolls dolled up in outfits from around the globe.

Food was a requirement. Hood said students tracked down recipes from the country they studied to make "finger food" or cookies for visitors to snack on.

Attended mostly by parents and students, Hood said the students seemed to be pleased with the fair. Although, he confessed, if you asked them while they were doing their research on a country they might not have said the unit of study was all that much fun.

"When it was all said and done, they enjoyed the fair," Hood said.



Ruidoso Middle School students, from left to right, Chana Ryan, Jaelyn Bolden and Nicole Owen gave students and parents a taste of China at the International Fair held Dec. 9.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Local students make 'Who's Who'

Nearly 100 local students have been included in the 81st annual edition of "Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1996-97."

"Who's Who" is the largest high school recognition publication in the country. Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based on their academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities. Traditionally, 99 percent of "Who's Who" students have a grade point average of B or better and 97 percent are college bound.

Local students on the list are:

From Carrizozo, Elizabeth Avila, Briton Goad, Katherine Hightower, Renee Rael, Robert Shafer, Amanda Baca, Bryan Hightower, DeWayne Langley and Keri Shafer.

From Alto, Joni Autrey, Michael Blank, Crista Dameron, Caleb Hull, Ricky Overdorf, Adrian Wallen, Matt Blank, Michelle Cannella, Alexis Hoff, Stephanie Midgley and Erica Romero.

From Capitan, Shana Crandall, Andrew Longbotham, Joyce Robbins, Casey Cunningham, Courtney May and Diamond Ward.

From Corona, Monica Alirez, Courtney Perez, Logan Marshall and Maryah Romans.

From Glencoe, Jackie Sanchez.

From Hondo, Joe Burchett and Sandra Medina.

From Mesalero, David Chavez, Eric Hoopingarner, Stephanie Sundayman, Felicia Frizzell, Elma Orosco and Eugena Treas.

From Nogal, Cody Turnbow.

From Ruidoso, Charles Flanary, Lori Genta, Amy Hemphill, Myra Romero, Amanda Sisson, Josh Varnadore, Suzanne Flanary, Justin Hawthorne, Amber Passmore, Emily Ruch, Mandin Spence, Jon Beaty, Tyler Cluff, Kristy Donaldson, Micah Ensor, Leslea Gerth, Kristen Hayes, Ann Holt, Kammee Jensen, Katie Lukens, Amanda McClendon, Patty Ramos, Adriana Romero, Heather Stephens, Kelley Stroud, Rachel Beddoe, Jessica Daniels, Ryan Edwards, Elizabeth Flores, Brynn Hatcher, Bay Hirschfeld, Stephen Houghton, Meredith Keeton, Gabriella Maldonado, Erica Oxford, Billy Rogge, Doug Sidens and Jimmy Stover.

From Ruidoso Downs, Brynn Castanon, Miranda Diaz, Jessie Figueroa, Dawn Hightower, Aimee Neill, Denise Rodela, Dana Sanchez, Tomas Centeno, Sundae Elwell, Yessenia Figueroa, Elizabeth Miller, Jacqueline Onsurez, Jessica Salas and Sneha Sharma.

From San Patricio, Maria Alvarado, Joshua Candelaria, Bethany Sanchez, Jason Candelaria, Karla Martinez and Justin Sisneros.

And from Tinnie, Cassandra Garrett.

Workshop on classroom legal issues Jan. 10, 17

Educators, parents or administrators who want a working knowledge of the laws that affect educating students with disabilities are encouraged to attend a workshop, "Legal Issues Regarding Students with Disabilities in the Classroom." It will cover the legal terms and concepts relating to an educational position and allows the correct practice in a school setting. Also covered will be special education law and the role case law plays in the education of students with special needs.

The one credit hour workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Jan. 10 and 17 at Eastern New Mexico University-Portales. It will be broadcast to the ENMU TTV sites in Rui-

doso, Roswell, Artesia, Clovis, Cannon Air Force Base and Hobbs. Undergraduate tuition is \$105 and graduate tuition is \$115.

To register, contact the ENMU Extended Learning Office at (505) 562-2165 or 1-800-537-LERN.

Nob Hill and Furr's team up in 'Apples for Students'

Nob Hill Early Childhood Center is participating in Furr's Apples for Students Plus program. The school-community partnership awards educational equipment to schools that accumulate store register tapes.

In past years, Apples for Students has awarded more than \$250 million in classroom learning to tools to participating schools.

Nob Hill Early Childhood Center is urging parents and community members to support the program by sending their Furr's register tapes to school with their children or by dropping them off at the school office. Register tapes will be collected until April 10, 1998.

For more information or to donate receipts, call Clarke at 257-9041.

Rue graduates NMSU

Alfred Rue, son of Viola and Sefredo Rue of Ruidoso, graduated from New Mexico State University Saturday.

Rue, a 1990 graduate of Ruidoso High School, earned his bachelor's degree in special education, with a dual license in physical education. He is employed by the Las Cruces Public School District.

Local students graduate from ENMU

Eight students from the Ruidoso area are among the 227 fall graduation candidates at Eastern New Mexico University-Portales.

The students are Millicent Brown, bachelor of university studies; Beverly Holmes, associate of arts in general studies; Laura Lacy Jones, associate of arts in general studies; Kimberly Lambert, associate of arts in general studies; Stett Marcum, associate of arts in general studies; Mary Martinez, associate of arts in general studies; Julian Romero, bachelor of English, and Della York, associate of arts in general studies.

Local students Upward Bound

Eight students from the Ruidoso area are participating in the Upward Bound program at Eastern New Mexico University-Portales. The students are Jorge Figueroa, Kizzy Haun, Scotty Martinez, Patricia Ramos, Jackie Sanchez, Lupita Stewart, April Urban and Glen White.

Upward Bound is a supplemental education program for selected precollegiate students who are freshmen through juniors in high school. Preparation in both the academic and personal developmental classes, extracurricular activities, residence hall living and cultural trips empower participants to realize the goal of attending college.

Figueroa, a junior at Ruidoso High School, is the son of Luis and Graciela Figueroa. Haun, a freshman at Hondo High School, is the daughter of Lucy Haun of San Patricio. Martinez is the son of Richard and Ramona Urban and is a junior at RHS. Ramos, a junior at RHS, is the daughter of Nicolas and Maria Ramos. Sanchez is a senior at RHS and the daughter of Melvin and Irene Sanchez. Stewart, a freshman at RHS, is the daughter of Guadalupe Stewart. Urban is the daughter of Richard and Ramona Urban and is a freshman at RHS. White is a senior at Hondo High and is the son Joker White.

nob hill good citizens

a.m. class

November Good Citizens from the morning class at Nob Hill Early Childhood Center are, back row, left to right, Giovanni Quiroz, Matthew Kaydazinne, Ashley Whitaker, Kayleena Kazhe, Christina Quiroz and Destiny Huebner. Middle row, left to right, Heather Stewart, Melissa Largo, Jolyn Ramos and Enrique Baez. Front row, left to right, Johnny Montoya, Jenna Clecker and Hales Day.

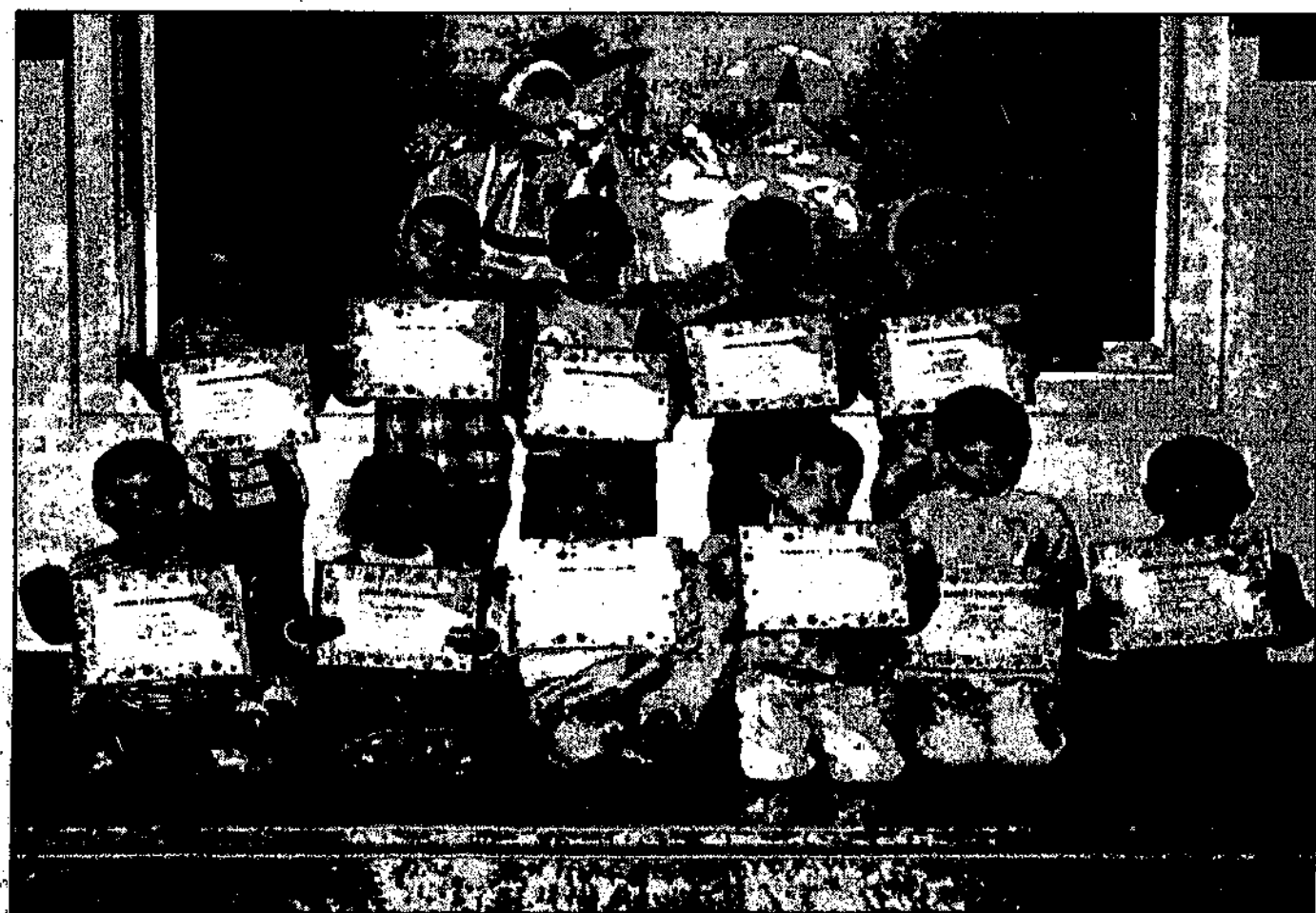
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p.m. class

November Good Citizens from the afternoon class are, back row, left to right, Giovanni Quiroz, Trevor Richerson, Jordan West, Eric Evans and Eric Castillo. Front row, left to right, Christian Quiroz, Christian Garbino, Chavie Tishnibitos, Jared Stelman, Zachary Appel and Jose Luis Nava.

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By BETTY DEBNAM

Holiday Customs

Christmas Around the World

Netherlands



St. Nicholas and Black Peter

The Dutch call their Santa "St. Nicholas." He spends the year before Christmas writing in a big red book about the behavior of all the children.

St. Nicholas arrives on Dec. 5 on a big ship from Spain and parades through the streets of Amsterdam. He is dressed as a bishop and rides a white horse. He has a helper called "Black Peter."

On Dec. 5, the eve of St. Nicholas Day, children put out their shoes filled with hay and carrots for St. Nicholas' horse. Black Peter takes the horse's food and leaves behind candies and small gifts. On Dec. 6, kids wake up and find their presents.

The Dutch love to disguise their gifts, or to hide them in funny places. Each gift usually comes with a rhyme that hints at what is inside.

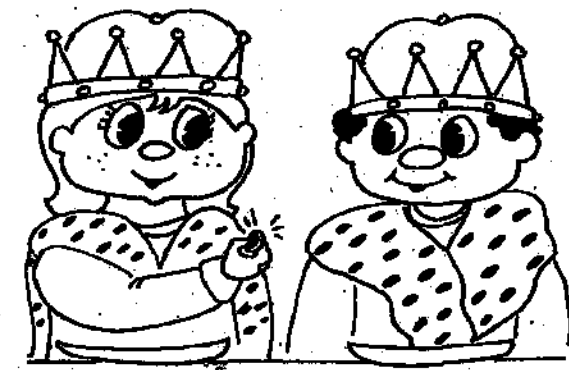
France

The French set up their Christmas trees on Christmas Eve. They also go to midnight Mass, after which they have a late supper. They usually serve a special log-shaped pastry.

Small children place their shoes by the fireplace for Père Noël, or Father Christmas, to fill with candies and gifts. The French also give each other some gifts on New Year's Day.

On Jan. 6, they celebrate the arrival of the Three Kings who visited the baby Jesus.

The French often serve a large, round, puffy pastry with a bean hidden inside. The person who finds the bean is named the queen or king. The king or queen chooses a partner.



Both the king and queen are given gold and silver paper crowns.

Sweden



The Santa Lucia delivers a special bun.

Santa Lucia Day, Dec. 13, marks the beginning of the holiday season. About 1,600 years ago, St. Lucia brought food to Christians who were hiding in dark tunnels in Italy. She wore a crown of candles to light her way.

The morning of Santa Lucia Day, a daughter (or the mother if the children are too young) puts on a long white dress. She wears a leafy crown with candles.

The rest of the children follow her in a procession. Other daughters also dress in white and carry a candle. They wear halos of tinsel.

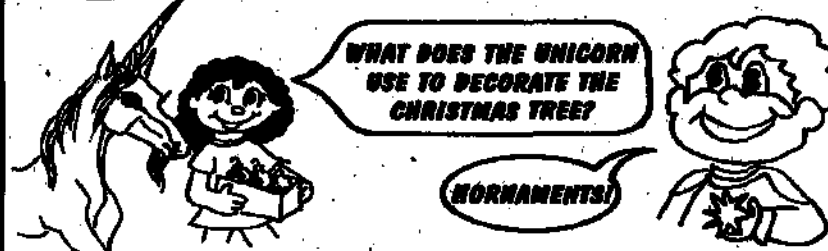
Sons, called "star boys," wear tall, cone-shaped hats decorated with stars. They carry a big star on a pole.

Their Santa, Kris Kringle, delivers the children's gifts on Christmas Eve.



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Mighty Mimi Jokes



(sent in by Joanne Kim)

Q: What type of snake works for the CIA?
A: A spythorn!

(sent in by Jamal Maylik)

Q: What does a bird need when it falls out of a tree?
A: Tweetment!

(sent in by Lunden Hall)

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BASSET BROWN **THE NEWS HOUND'S** **TRY 'N FIND**

CHRISTMAS

Words about Christmas around the world are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward. See if you can find: CHRISTMAS, WORLD, CHILDREN, SHIP, BOOK, PARADE, HORSE, SHOES, CANDIES, GIFTS, PRESENTS, TREES, MASS, PASTRY, HOLIDAY, FOOD, CROWN, HATS.

I LOVE CHRISTMAS!

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are celebrating Christmas. See if you can find:

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World Holiday Customs



England

English children sometimes write lists of things they want. One custom is to throw the list into the back of a fireplace. If the paper goes up the chimney, the writer will get the gifts he or she asks for. If the paper burns, the children try again with another list.

The custom of sending Christmas cards started in England about 150 years ago. In 1843 the artist John Horsley painted and printed some cards and sold them to people wanting to send Christmas greetings. By 1860, printed Christmas cards were a popular item.

The first weekday after Christmas is called "Boxing Day." The English give boxes with gifts inside to people such as the police officer or mail carrier who have helped them during the year.



The children in England call their Santa "Father Christmas." He looks a lot like the American Santa Claus.

Christmas caroling started with the British. Professional musicians used to wander from place to place singing at the homes of the rich. Later, ordinary people went singing from door to door at Christmas in return for warm food and drink.

Today people go caroling throughout December.



Italy

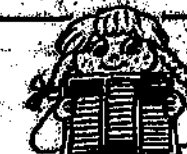


Families celebrate with a religious ceremony around the manger.

Most Italian families have a prize manger scene they bring out each Christmas Eve. They exchange some gifts on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

Jan. 6 is the day children get most of their presents. Befana, an old fairy, brings gifts and fills the stockings. She carries a broom in one hand and a bell that she rings in the other. She comes down the chimney.

Look through your newspaper for Christmas stories and ads.



Germany

Santa Claus is called "St. Nicholas" in Germany. He comes on the night before St. Nicholas' Feast Day, Dec. 6. Kids put out shoes filled with hay for his pony.

St. Nicholas takes the hay and leaves candy and other goodies. Kids also leave a list of presents they want to get on Christmas Eve. The gifts they get then are from "Christkindl," or the Christ child.



Germany has many Christmas fairs and outdoor markets that open on St. Nicholas Day.

The Christmas tree custom began in Germany more than 500 years ago.

The story goes that the religious leader Martin Luther was walking through a forest one snowy night at Christmastime. The trees shining in the moon and starlight were so lovely that he chopped one down. He took it home and put small candles on it to imitate what he saw in nature.

Next Week The Mini Page celebrates a Victorian Christmas.

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Four Tigers and coach named to 1998 All-South class A-AA football team

Four Capitan Tiger football players were named to the 1998 Class A-AA All-Star Football Team.

Seniors Jason Montes, Timmy McGarvey, Matt Daniel and Nathan Thomas made the All-South team, which will be coached by Capitan head coach Ed Davis.

The North/South teams were selected by a committee of head football coaches representing each section of the state in Class A and AA.

Montes, a center, and McGarvey, a tackle, were named to the offensive unit. Linebacker Matt Daniel and defensive back Nathan Thomas are part of the 11-man defensive unit.

The Eighth Annual North/South A/AA All-Star Football game will be played June 13, 1998, at a site yet determined.

Last year's game was played in Portales at Eastern New Mexico University. The North won, 14-13. Overall, the South leads the series, 6-1.

Warrior boys face challenging doubleheader

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Don't worry moms and dads - the Ruidoso boys basketball team will be home for Christmas.

Coach Gary Grahn's troops have been, well, "Road Warriors" since the season tipped off two weeks ago. With their first seven games in hostile territory, the Warriors finally get to wear the home whites when they host Portales Saturday.

It's the second of two big games for Grahn and his players. The first comes Friday in Artesia when the Warriors visit the Pecos Valley for a match-up with the Bulldogs.

Ruidoso is coming off a consolation championship performance at the Bruce King Invitational in Moriarty over the weekend. There, the Warriors finished 2-1, pounding the host Pintos for fifth place on Saturday, 61-42.

Grahn's team upped its record to 4-2 overall with the victories.

The Warriors shoot for two more victories this weekend, but in order to

do that they need to continue to improve their offensive movement and their defense.

"Even in practice we were starting to move," Grahn said of his team's offense. "I thought we moved much better this weekend. I think we're improving, but we're still doing some things that will keep us from winning."

One of those "things" is taking care of the ball. In Ruidoso's game against St. Pius at the Moriarty tournament, the Warriors turned over the ball more than 20 times. That usually doesn't result in a victory, but the Warriors managed to hang on for a 69-68 win over St. Pius.

The Warriors need to handle the ball better because Grahn expects both Artesia and Portales to pressure the Warriors full court.

On defense, Grahn said his team has been slow to rotate from helpside (away from the ball) in its man-to-man defense. The Bulldogs will test the Warriors' ability to defend the ball one-on-one, the first-year coach added.

"You have to be where you're sup-

posed be. I don't know how else to say it," Grahn said. How have the Warriors progressed?

"In some ways we're better than I hoped, then there are other areas where we aren't," Grahn said.

Ruidoso visits Artesia Friday for freshman, junior varsity and varsity games beginning at 4 p.m.

Saturday, Portales and Ruidoso square off for junior varsity and varsity games beginning at 4 p.m.

Some consolation

Grahn found some solace in his team's fifth-place finish at the Bruce King Invitational tournament in Moriarty over the weekend. The Warriors won two of three games to improve to 4-2 overall.

The Warriors opened the tournament Thursday with a tough loss to Belen, 74-71.

"In some ways we're better than I hoped ..."

Gary Grahn,
RHS basketball coach



"You just make a lot of little mistakes, and the next thing you know you get beat," Grahn said.

Aaron Gillespie pumped in 20 points for the Warriors.

"Even though we lost, I didn't feel like it was a disastrous situation," the Warriors coach noted. "We played really well against Belen."

Grahn couldn't say that about Ruidoso's play the next night against St. Pius, however.

The Warriors committed too many turnovers, but still managed to win, 69-68.

"We were able to do some things down the stretch," Grahn said.

Namely, the Warriors held on to a five-point lead with a minute to go. Junior guard Corey Saenz's 20 points paced the Warriors.

Ruidoso had little trouble with Moriarty Saturday. The Warriors led the whole way behind Tyler Cliff's 17 points.

Scoreboard

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Dec. 11
Girls
Artesia 69, Ruidoso 49
House 66, Carrizozo 33 at Floyd Tournament
Boys
Belen 74, Ruidoso 71 at Bruce King Tournament
Portales JV 64, Carrizozo 49 at Floyd Tournament

Dec. 12
Girls
Hondo 37, Vaughn 34
Lake Arthur 58, Carrizozo 47 at Floyd Tournament
Boys
Ruidoso 69, St. Pius 68 at Bruce King Tournament
Ruidoso JV 91, Carrizozo 47 at Floyd Tournament
Hondo 57, Vaughn 44

Dec. 13
Girls
Hondo 37, Vaughn 34
Capitan 77, Mountainair 20
Floyd 45, Carrizozo 41
Boys
Ruidoso 61, Moriarty 42 at Bruce King Tournament
Carrizozo 58, Tucumcari JV 56 at Floyd Tournament

Pecking order

RUIDOSO PARKS AND RECREATION

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Co-Nets	11-0
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Yahoo Serious	10-2
Gray Hawk	9-2
Vict. of Gravity	6-6
Smokin	4-8
Taz	3-9
Hot Shots	3-9
Renegades	3-9
Misfits	0-12

Men's Basketball Standings through 12/15

Cobras	10-0
White Dove	10-1
Alamo Pipe	5-6
Slammers	5-6
Players	4-7
Whatever	4-8
Galkin	3-8
Marks Team	3-8

On the slopes

THE SKI AND SNOW REPORT FOR SKI APACHE FOR TUESDAY, DEC. 16

New snow past seven days: 26 inches
Snow base depth: ranges from 41 to 55 inches
Surface conditions: Packed powder
Skiing conditions: Poor to good in Apache Bowl because of high winds and excellent on the rest of the mountain
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For the latest ski information call 257-9001.

On deck

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The Warriors' pressure defense hasn't been as aggressive as coach Dwayne Rogers had hoped, although this time it worked. Priscilla Rojas snagged this errant Tularosa pass during the Warriors' 57-52 win over the visiting Wildcats last Tuesday.

Coach places casting call for a leader

Ruidoso girls need a floor general to take control, says Warrior coach

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

If Ruidoso girls coach Dwayne Rogers were to place a "Want Ad" for his Warrior basketball team, it might read something like this:

"WANTED: Girls basketball player who will light a fire in her teammates, take the game in her hands, dive unabashedly for loose balls and lead by example. Size not a factor. Only the willing need apply. Those interested should apply in person at the Ruidoso Warrior gym between 3 and 6 p.m. Monday through Friday."

Rogers' girls are 2-5 overall, and still searching for that special Warrior to lead them beyond "just competing" to winning.

"We are still looking for a leader - a vocal, emotional, demonstrative leader on the court. We need a high-fiver, a back-slapper on the court out there," Rogers said. "We just don't have some of that fire - that is going to put us over the hump."

"The hump" is when the Warriors need a player to step up and lead the team over that moment's obstacle, whether it be snapping a scoring drought or putting away an opponent when it's down.

"We get an 11- or 13-

point lead and we just aren't the killers we need to be," Rogers said.

Rogers has some lieutenants in his ranks, but he needs a general.

Senior Bailey Bishop, the team's top scorer with 10.5 points a game average, is one.

"Bailey has a little problem with consistency. She needs to put this team on her shoulders. So does (seniors) Mandi Lewallen and Denise Rodella. We can't win if they score in single digits. We've got to get double digit scoring from them," Rogers said.

Junior post player Mandin Spence has been a pleasant surprise.

"If we can get her more aggressive and Amanda Kakuska more aggressive, then that will help," he said.

Rogers is looking to his post players to step up their games.

"I'm just working the heck out of them," he said. "We're just doing different types of breakdown drills for them."

Despite his search for a more vocal leader, Rogers is pleased with his team's progress.

The Warriors play their final game of the semester Friday. A solid Socorro team pays Ruidoso a visit for freshman, junior varsity and varsity contests starting at 4 p.m.



Amanda McClendon and her post position teammates have to improve their play if the Warriors are going to be successful, said Ruidoso's coach.

Then for the first time in the seniors' careers, the Warriors have some time off over the break. Ruidoso doesn't return to the hardwood until next year - Jan. 2 versus Lovington at home.

"We've never had a break over Christmas before," said Rogers, noting that the Warriors usually play in the Goddard Christmas Tournament. The time off should "get our batteries recharged," he said.

Tigers shop for holiday victories

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Capitan boys and girls basketball teams head to Cloudcroft Thursday in search of some holiday cheer - in the way of wins.

But chances are they won't find any cheap victories.

Both Tigers teams are entered in the Mountain Top Tournament, which starts Thursday and features three days of basketball that is as intense as Christmas shopping on the 24th.

The Tigers boys open with Animas at 2:30 p.m. Thursday. About all coach Gerald Montes knows about Animas is that its mascot is the panther.

It's of little concern to Montes.

"I don't know (much about them). I'm just trying to get us to improve," Montes said.

The Tigers have spent the last several days in practice working on their ballhandling, free-throw shooting.

Joining Capitan and Animas in the upper bracket of the eight-team tourney is Tularosa and Quemado. The Capitan/Animas winner plays the winner of Tularosa/Quemado at 2:30 Friday. Losers meet at the same time Friday as well.

In the bottom half of the bracket, Cliff meets Dexter and Cloudcroft takes on Lovington.

"It's a tough little tournament," Montes said.

Girls take on Dexter

The Tiger girls open the Mountain Top against district rival Dexter at 6 p.m. Thursday.

Coach Bryan Massé's team is coming off a convincing win over outnumbered Mountainair, 77-20, Saturday.

The Demons have improved their play of late, Massé said.

"They've really been coming on the last two weeks," said Massé, pointing out Dexter's 62-60 loss to Tatum in overtime last week.

"They are big - three 6-footers. They can hurt you on the boards, on the inside," he said. "Their size is experienced, and ours is a freshman (Lindsay Bush)."

Bush, however, turned in her best performance as a varsity Tiger in the Mountainair outing. She dominated the inside with 18 points to lead Capitan.

The Tigers will counter Dexter's height advantage by pushing the ball up the court.

The Capitan/Dexter winner plays at 6 p.m. Friday against the Cloudcroft/Lovington victor. In the other half, Quemado plays Cliff and Animas takes on Tularosa.

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- 1 Preferred group of invitees
6 Normandy campaign town, 1944
10 Speaker's platform
14 New Zealand native
15 Watered-down
16 Teen woe
17 Start of an old romantic song lyric
20 Take up again, as a claim
21 First month of the afo
22 Vase
23 Midwest clock setting: Abbr.

DOWN

- 25 Narrow waterway: Abbr.
26 Cosmetician
30 "I smell—I!"
31 Capitol topper
32 Explain once more
34 Deposited
37 Part 2 of the lyric
40 Light brown
41 93, e.g., at the pump
42 Curved molding
43 Wine sediment
44 Dictatorial
45 One — time
46 Netanyahu's land: Abbr.
49 Before: Prefix
51 Diamond measure

- 53 Fish that swims upright
54 End of the lyric
55 One of the O'Neills
56 Canal to Buffalo
57 Meal from the garden
58 Study, as text
59 "Lights out" music
60 Arduous journeys

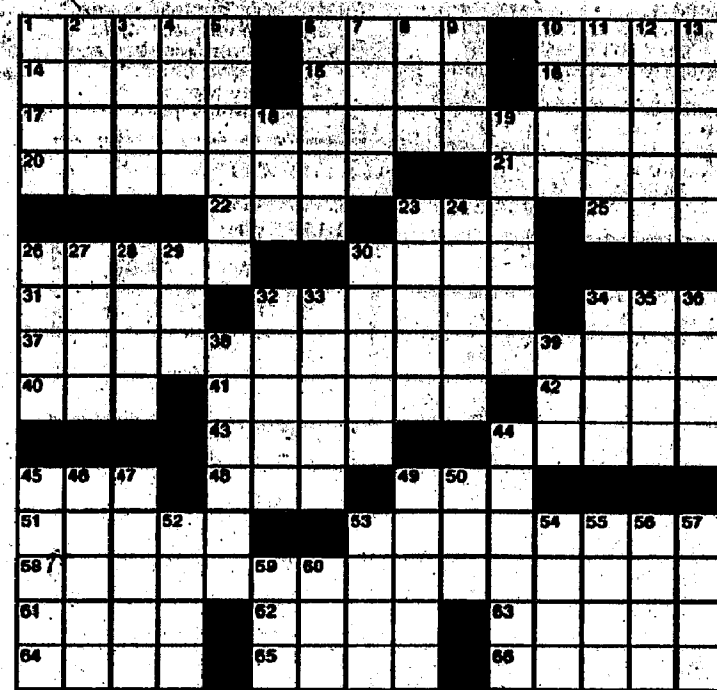
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- 1 Mideast leader
2 Not on time
3 Where Ames is
4 Spanish ladies: Abbr.
5 Kleenex
6 Stern's opposite
7 "Anything but —"

- 8 Actress Ullmann
9 Quarter of four
10 Start of a new day

- 11 Pains
12 Motionless
13 "Si, si!" man.
14 Any ship
15 Tiny sting
16 Uncle of Antigone
17 Unguentine, e.g.
18 Cut and paste
19 Divan
20 Fed. tax agents
21 Wiggly fish
22 Book of maps
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- 50 Gridiron cheer
51 "Diary of — Housewife"
52 Barber's motion
53 Bridge expert
54 Sharif
55 Part to play
56 Clean, as dentures
57 Pass receivers
58 Tennis judge's position
59 Lyricist
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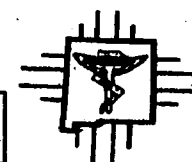


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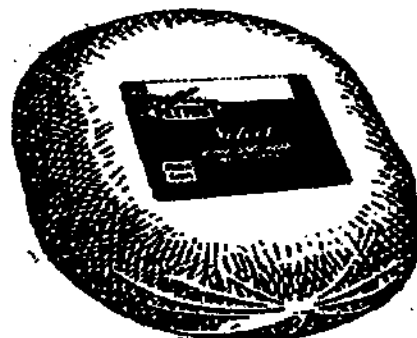
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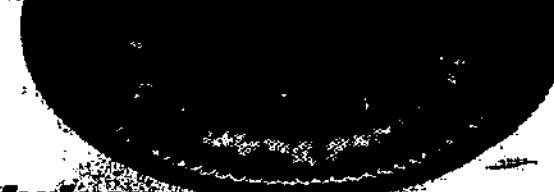
King Crab Legs
EXTRA, EXTRA LARGE!



899
lb.

EXTREME SAVINGS! Frequent Shopper Price

Shrimp Rings



599
each

EXTREME SAVINGS! Frequent Shopper Price

Tiger Prawns
6 to 8 Count



1299
lb.

EXTREME SAVINGS! Frequent Shopper Price

Confessa Extra Large Cooked Shrimp
21 to 25 ct.



1499
lb.

EXTREME SAVINGS! Frequent Shopper Price

FREE Rewards!

Happy Holidays

Furr's
Where else.
**Nabisco
Snack
Crackers or
Air Crisps
Selected**
2 4⁰⁰
FOR

6.75 to 10 oz.

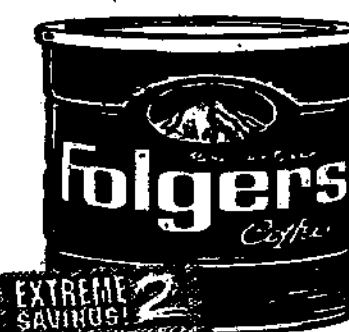

**Ruffles
Potato Chips**
1 99
14 oz.

**PopSecret
Microwave
Popcorn**
2 3⁰⁰
FOR
3 pk.
or 5 pk.
**Nabisco
Ritz
Crackers**
2 69
14.5 to 16 oz.

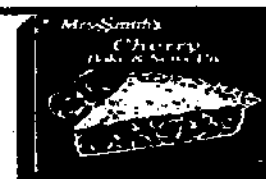
**Post
Cereal
Cranberry Almond Crunch
or Banana Nut Crunch**
2 69
13 to 15.5 oz.

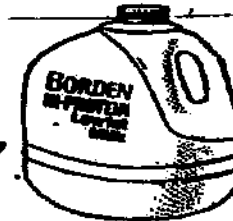
**General Mills
Golden
Graham
Treats**
1 69
6.2 oz.

**Swiss Miss
Hot
Cocoa
Mix
Selected**
1 29
10 pack

**Folgers
Ground
Coffee
Excluding
Decaf**
3 49
11.5 to 13 oz.

**Furr's
Round Waffles**
1 19
11 oz.

**Furr's
Frozen
Orange Juice**
89¢
12 oz.

**Mrs. Smith's
Fruit Pies**
2 6⁰⁰
FOR 37 oz.

**Furr's
Pie Shells
9 Inch**
89¢
10 oz.

**Borden
Milk
Homogenized,
2% HI Pro, 1%
or Skim**
2 79
gallon

**Eagle Brand
Sweetened
Condensed
Milk
Regular or Fat-Free**
1 99
14 oz.

**Borden
Sour Cream**
1 19
16 oz.

**Country
Crock
Spread
or Squeeze**
1 09
16 oz or 2-8 oz.


Furr's Fresh Bakery!

**Holiday
Decorated
1/4 Sheet
Cake**
11 99
each

**60 Count
Butter
Cookie Platter**
6 99
each

**Loaf
Cake
Platter**
6 49
32 oz.

**Holiday
Bread
Basket**
3 99
18 ct.

**Decorated
Cupcakes**
2 49
6 ct.

**Holiday
Dinner Rolls**
1 49
12 ct.

**Very Berry
Christmas Pie
8 Inch**
3 49
each


**FREE
Rewards!**

Happy Holidays

Furr's

Where else.

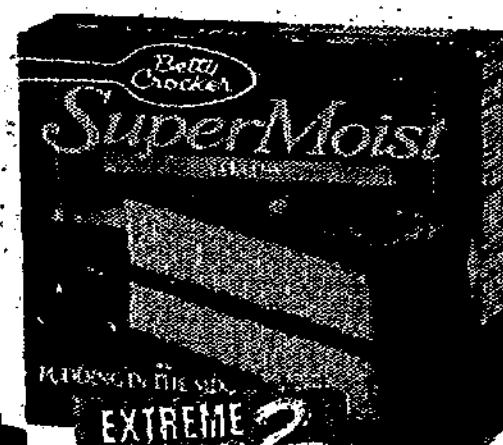
**Gold Medal
Flour**
All Purpose or
Unbleached



99¢
5 lb.

EXTREME SAVINGS! 2
Frequent Shopper Price

**Betty Crocker
Cake Mix**
Excluding Angel Food



89¢
18 to 18.3 oz.

EXTREME SAVINGS! 2
Frequent Shopper Price

**C&H
Granulated
Sugar**
1.59
4 lb.



EXTREME SAVINGS! 2
Frequent Shopper Price

**Jell-O
Gelatin**
Regular or Sugar-Free
2.88¢
FOR .3 to 3 oz.



EXTREME SAVINGS! 2
Frequent Shopper Price

**Betty Crocker
Ready-To-Spread
Frosting**
1.39
12 to 16 oz.



EXTREME SAVINGS! 2
Frequent Shopper Price



**Bakers
Real Chocolate
Chips or Coconut**
1.69
12 to 14 oz.

EXTREME SAVINGS! 2
Frequent Shopper Price

**Jell-O
Instant
Pudding**
2.100
FOR 3 to 4 oz.



EXTREME SAVINGS! 2
Frequent Shopper Price

**Del Monte
Pineapple**
69¢
15.25 to 15.5 oz.



EXTREME SAVINGS! 2
Frequent Shopper Price

**Keebler Graham
Pie Shells**
99¢
6 oz.



EXTREME SAVINGS! 2
Frequent Shopper Price

**Cool Whip
Whipped
Topping**
89¢
8 oz.



EXTREME SAVINGS! 2
Frequent Shopper Price

**Libby's
Pumpkin**
89¢
15 oz.



EXTREME SAVINGS! 2
Frequent Shopper Price

**Borden
Dip**
99¢
12 oz.



EXTREME SAVINGS! 2
Frequent Shopper Price

**Colombo
Yogurt**
1.79
32 oz.



EXTREME SAVINGS! 2
Frequent Shopper Price

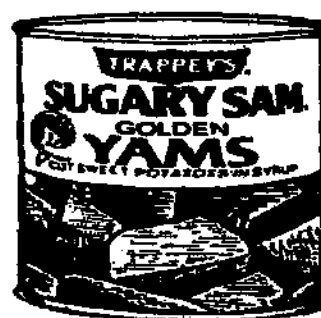
Shop Furr's For All Your Holiday Needs!

**Crisco
Oil**
1.79
32 oz.



EXTREME SAVINGS! 2
Frequent Shopper Price

**Sugary
Sam
Yams**
59¢
15 oz.



EXTREME SAVINGS! 2
Frequent Shopper Price

**Mrs. Cubbison's
Dressing**
1.39
12 oz.



EXTREME SAVINGS! 2
Frequent Shopper Price

**Furr's
Cranberry
Sauce**
79¢
16 oz.



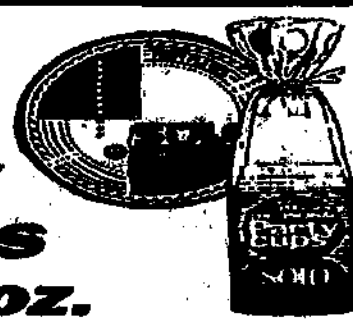
EXTREME SAVINGS! 2
Frequent Shopper Price

**Reynolds Wrap
Standard Foil**
89¢
25 sq. ft.



EXTREME SAVINGS! 2
Frequent Shopper Price

**Solo
9 Inch
Party
Plates
or 16 oz.
Party Cups**
1.19
15 to 20 ct.



EXTREME SAVINGS! 2
Frequent Shopper Price

**RealLemon
Lemon
Juice**
2.29
32 oz.



EXTREME SAVINGS! 2
Frequent Shopper Price

**Kraft
Pourable
Salad
Dressing**
2.49
16 oz.



EXTREME SAVINGS! 2
Frequent Shopper Price

Happy Holidays

FREE Rewards!

Furr's
Where else.

**Borden
Egg Nog**
2 FOR 3⁰⁰
quart



**Furr's
Soft Drinks**
99¢
6 Pk. 12 oz. cans



EXTREME SAVINGS!
Frequent Shopper Price

**Vlasic Sweet
Gherkins
or Pickles**
1⁹⁹
16 oz.



EXTREME SAVINGS!
Frequent Shopper Price

**Kraft
Miracle Whip
or Mayonnaise**
2⁴⁹
32 oz.



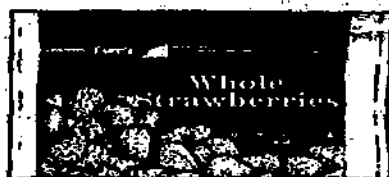
EXTREME SAVINGS!
Frequent Shopper Price

**Café Sarks
Bulk
Coffee**
6⁹⁹
lb.



EXTREME SAVINGS!
Frequent Shopper Price

**Furr's
Individually
Quick Frozen
Whole
Strawberries**
1⁴⁹
16 oz.



EXTREME SAVINGS!
Frequent Shopper Price

**Early California
Stuffed Spanish
Olives**
1²⁹
5.75 oz.



EXTREME SAVINGS!
Frequent Shopper Price

**Furr's
Pitted
Ripe
Olives**
99¢
6 oz.



EXTREME SAVINGS!
Frequent Shopper Price

**Kellogg's
Cereals**
18 oz. Corn Flakes,
20 oz. Raisin Bran,
15 oz. Cocoa Krispies,
17.6 oz. Smacks,
15 oz. Froot Loops,
16 oz. Frosted Mini-Wheats
or 18.3 oz. All Bran

1⁹⁹

EXTREME SAVINGS!
Frequent Shopper Price



**La Costena
Whole
Jalapeños**
99¢
26 oz.



EXTREME SAVINGS!
Frequent Shopper Price

**Bush's
Hominy**
1⁹⁹
108 oz.



EXTREME SAVINGS!
Frequent Shopper Price

**Ranch Style
Baked
Beans**
99¢
28 oz.



EXTREME SAVINGS!
Frequent Shopper Price

**Log Cabin
Syrup**
2⁹⁹
24 oz.



EXTREME SAVINGS!
Frequent Shopper Price

**Hunt's
Whole Peeled
Tomatoes**
69¢
14.5 oz.



EXTREME SAVINGS!
Frequent Shopper Price

**Furr's
Full-Size Plastic
Cutlery**
1²⁹
24 ct.



EXTREME SAVINGS!
Frequent Shopper Price

**Chinet
Dinner,
Compartment
or Lunch
Plates**
1⁹⁹
15 to 25 ct.



EXTREME SAVINGS!
Frequent Shopper Price

**Vanity
Fair
Dinner
Napkins**
1³⁹
40 ct.



EXTREME SAVINGS!
Frequent Shopper Price

USE
this!

Frequent
Shopper

GO!
this!

FREE
Rewards!

Happy Holidays

Furr's
Where else.

Miller Beer
Regular, Lite,
Genuine Draft
or Genuine
Draft Light



7⁹⁹ **EXTREME SAVINGS!** **2**
LIMIT 2
18 Pack 12 oz. cans

Captain Morgan Spiced Rum
or Jim Beam
Bourbon



10⁴⁹ **EXTREME SAVINGS!** **2**
750 ml

Smirnoff Vodka
or Bacardi
Rum



10⁴⁹ **EXTREME SAVINGS!** **2**
750 ml

Kahlua Coffee Liqueur



17⁹⁹ **EXTREME SAVINGS!** **2**
750 ml

José Cuervo Gold Tequila



13⁹⁹ **EXTREME SAVINGS!** **2**
750 ml

Bailey's Irish Cream



19⁹⁹ **EXTREME SAVINGS!** **2**
750 ml

Corona Beer
Regular
or Light



5⁴⁹ **EXTREME SAVINGS!** **2**
6 pk., 12 oz. Bottles

Seagram's Crown Royal



19⁹⁹ **EXTREME SAVINGS!** **2**
750 ml

Jack Daniels Black Label Bourbon Whiskey



15⁹⁹ **EXTREME SAVINGS!** **2**
750 ml

750 ml Ballatore Spumanté or 750 ml. Tott's Champagne or Selected 1.5 Liter Almaden Wine



5⁹⁹ **EXTREME SAVINGS!** **2**

Glen Ellen Wine Selected



5⁹⁹ **EXTREME SAVINGS!** **2**
750 ml

Sam Adams, Becks, Warsteiner, St. Pauli Girl or Moosehead Beer



5⁴⁹ **EXTREME SAVINGS!** **2**
6 pack 12 oz. bottles



Coor's or Budweiser Beer

6⁹⁹ **EXTREME SAVINGS!** **2**
12 pack 12 oz. cans

Pepsi Cola Soft Drinks



1⁵⁹ **EXTREME SAVINGS!** **2**
6 pk., 12 oz. cans

Starbuck's Frappucino



3⁹⁹ **EXTREME SAVINGS!** **2**
4 pack

Furr's Fresh Deli!

Deli Fresh Party Trays
Large Serves
20-25 People



23⁹⁵ **EXTREME SAVINGS!** **2**
each

Turkey Dinner
8-10 lb. Whole Baked Turkey,
4 lbs. Cornbread Stuffing, 2
lbs. Giblet Gravy, 1 Can
Cranberry Sauce, 1 doz.
Rolls, 1 Pumpkin Pie

26⁹⁹ **EXTREME SAVINGS!** **2**
each

Scott's of Wisconsin Cheeseballs or Cheese Logs Assorted

2⁵⁰⁰ **EXTREME SAVINGS!** **2**
FOR

Deli Fresh Fried Chicken Thighs



1⁹⁹ **EXTREME SAVINGS!** **2**
8 ct.

Deli Fresh Ready To Eat Chicken Ring Things



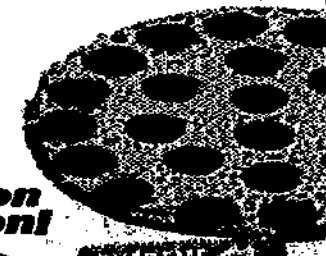
2⁹⁹ **EXTREME SAVINGS!** **2**
15 ct.

All American Honey Cured or Virginia Smoked Ham



3⁴⁹ **EXTREME SAVINGS!** **2**
lb.

Don Martino Large Pizzas Combination or Pepperoni



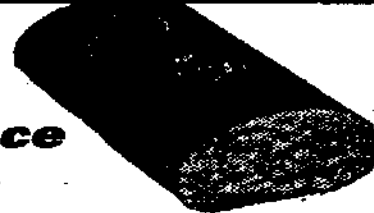
2⁵⁰⁰ **EXTREME SAVINGS!** **2**
FOR

Wisconsin Cheese Longhorn Cheddar or Colby



2⁹⁹ **EXTREME SAVINGS!** **2**
lb.

Alpine Lace Swiss Cheese



3⁹⁹ **EXTREME SAVINGS!** **2**
lb.

Ille De France French Brie



4⁹⁹ **EXTREME SAVINGS!** **2**
14 oz.

Athenos Hummus All Flavors



1⁹⁹ **EXTREME SAVINGS!** **2**
8 oz.

**FREE
REWARDS!**

Happy Holidays

Furr's

Where else.

**Holiday Video
For Sale
Beauty and
the Beast
Enchanted
Christmas**

Walt Disney
HOME VIDEO

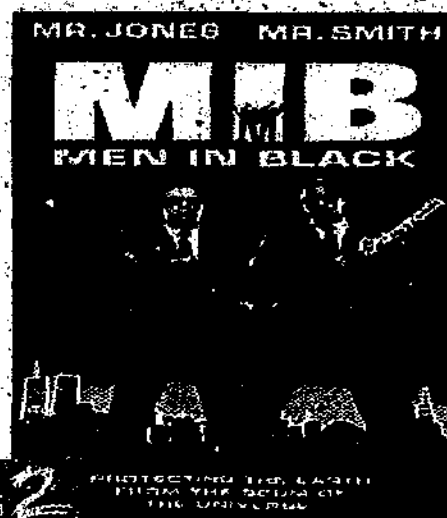


16⁹⁵
each

EXTREME SAVINGS!
Frequent Shopper Price

**Holiday Video
For Sale
Men in
Black**

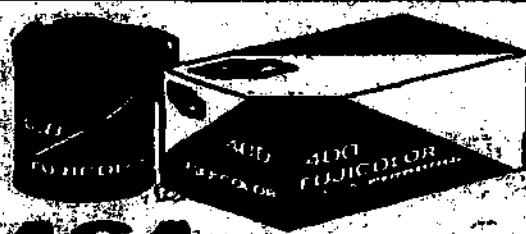
COLUMBIA TRISTAR
HOME VIDEO



15⁹⁵
each

EXTREME SAVINGS!
Frequent Shopper Price

**Fuji
400 ASA
Film**



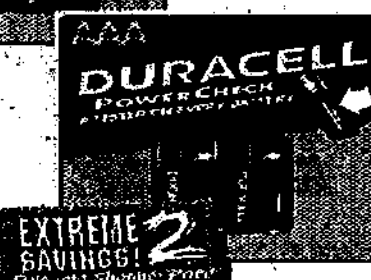
4⁴⁹
24 Exposure

EXTREME SAVINGS!
Frequent Shopper Price

**Duracell
Batteries
AA or AAA**



3⁴⁹
4 Pack



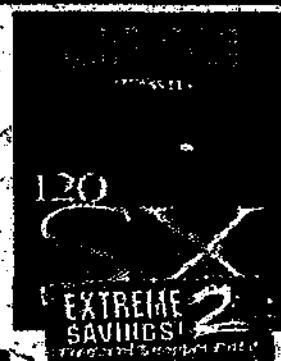
EXTREME SAVINGS!
Frequent Shopper Price

**Overnight
Photo Processing
Second Set**

FREE!

EXTREME SAVINGS!
Frequent Shopper Price

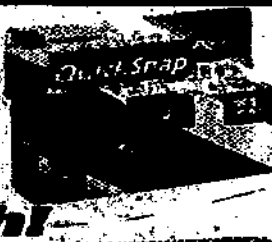
**JVC
Video
Tape
T-120**



1⁹⁹
each

EXTREME SAVINGS!
Frequent Shopper Price

**Fuji
QuickSnap
Camera
With Flash**



11⁹⁹
each

EXTREME SAVINGS!
Frequent Shopper Price

**Holiday
Video
For Sale**

Walt Disney
HOME VIDEO

**George of
The Jungle**

14⁹⁵
each



EXTREME SAVINGS!
Frequent Shopper Price

**Holiday
Video
For Sale**

Walt Disney
HOME VIDEO

**My Best
Friend's
Wedding**

14⁹⁵
each



EXTREME SAVINGS!
Frequent Shopper Price

VIDEO RENTALS - 49¢

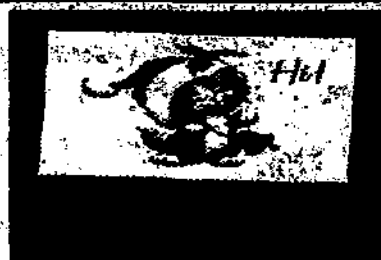
EVERY VIDEO, EVERY DAY!



**American Greetings
Christmas
Merchandise**

50% OFF!

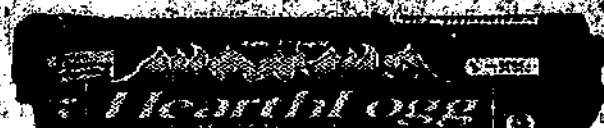
EXTREME SAVINGS!
Frequent Shopper Price



**M&M
Plain or Peanut,
Milky Way, Snickers
Mini's or Dove Chocolate
Candy**

2²⁹
10 to 16 oz.

EXTREME SAVINGS!
Frequent Shopper Price



**HearthLogg
Fire Log**

1⁴⁹
5 lb.

EXTREME SAVINGS!
Frequent Shopper Price



**Andes
Christmas
Mints**

99¢
4.67 oz.

EXTREME SAVINGS!
Frequent Shopper Price



**Luminaria
Candles**

2⁹⁹
24 ct.

EXTREME SAVINGS!
Frequent Shopper Price

**All Bobs
Christmas
Candy Canes**

50% OFF!

EXTREME SAVINGS!
Frequent Shopper Price

**Arm &
Hammer
Toothpaste**

2⁹⁹
4.5 to 7 oz.



**Schick
Razor
Protector**

2⁹⁹
Each



EXTREME SAVINGS!
Frequent Shopper Price

**White Rain
Body
Wash**

1⁸⁹
10 oz.



EXTREME SAVINGS!
Frequent Shopper Price

**12 Hour
Contac
Capsules
or Caplets**

2⁹⁹
10 ct.



EXTREME SAVINGS!
Frequent Shopper Price

THROFTWAY

The store that saves you more

AT AFFILIATED FOODS INC.
MEMBER STORE
AT PARTICIPATING STORES

Save on Everything
for your

Christmas Feasting

SHURFINE GRADE A
Large Eggs

78¢

DOZEN

ASSORTED
Coca-Cola

1.29

6 PACK
12 OZ. CANS

BARS FULLY CURED
**Boneless
Whole Ham**
5 LB. NET WT.

99¢
LB.

Owens
COUNTRY STYLE SAUSAGE
**OWENS REG. OR HOT
Sausage**
2.99

2 LB.

OWENS REG., HOT,
SPECIAL SEASONING,
MILD OR ITALIAN
Sausage

1.89
1 LB. ROLL



SHURFINE
Vegetables
12-15.5 OZ.



SHURFINE
**Cream
Cheese**
8 OZ. **69¢**

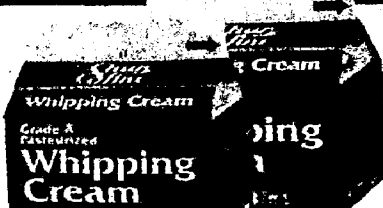


SHURFINE GREEN CHILI OR
FRENCH ONION
**Dips or
Sour Cream**
HALF PINT

2 for \$1

SHURFINE
**Whipping
Cream**
HALF PINT

2 for \$1



3 for \$1

NAVEL
Oranges 3 lbs. **\$1**



ASSORTED BETTY CROCKER
SUPER MOIST OR SWEET REWARDS

**Cake
Mixes**

18-18.25 OZ.

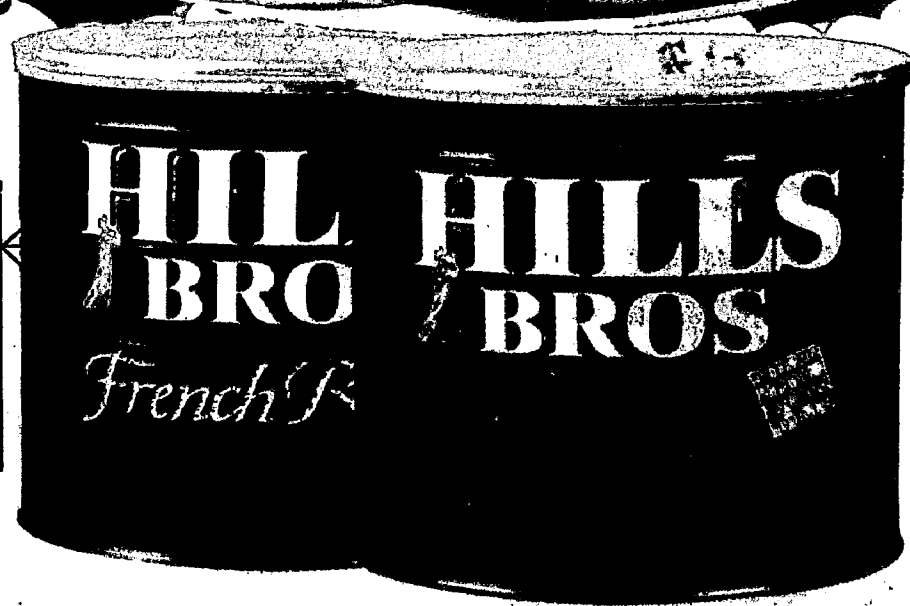
69¢



**Gold Medal
Flour**

5 LB.

69¢



REG., PERFECT BALANCE OR
FRENCH ROAST FAC

**Hills Bros.
Coffee**

36-39 OZ.

6.89



SHURFINE BROWN OR
Powdered Sugar
2 LB.

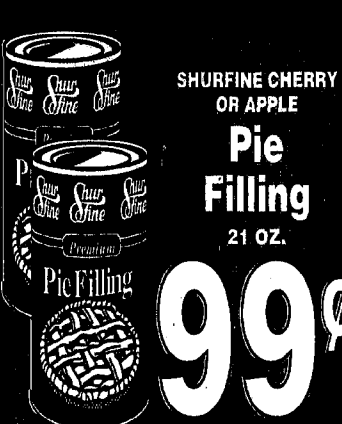
SHURFINE REAL
Chocolate Chips
12 OZ.

SHURFINE WHITE
Flake Coconut
14 OZ.

79¢

79¢

99¢



SHURFINE CHERRY
OR APPLE
Pie Filling
21 OZ.

SHURFINE
Corn Syrup
32 OZ.



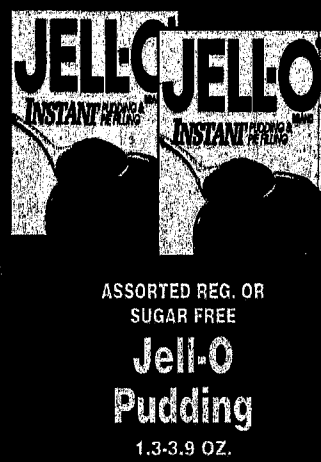
SHURFINE
Mandarin
Oranges
11 OZ.

99¢



99¢

59¢



ASSORTED REG. OR
SUGAR FREE
Jell-O
Pudding
1.3-3.9 OZ.

2 for \$1



ASSORTED REG. OR
SUGAR FREE
Jell-O
Gelatin
3-3 OZ.

3 for \$1



SHURFINE JELLIED OR WHOLE
Cranberry Sauce
16 OZ.

39¢



SHURFINE WHOLE
Fancy Yams
23 OZ.

69¢



SHURFINE
Chicken Broth
14.5 OZ.

3 for \$1



SHURFINE CHERRY
OR APPLE
Pie Filling
21 OZ.

SHURFINE
Corn Syrup
32 OZ.



SHURFINE
Mandarin
Oranges
11 OZ.

99¢



99¢

59¢



CRUSHED, CHUNK OR
SLICED IN NATURAL JUICE
ShurFine
Pineapple
15.2 OZ.

2 for \$1



SHURFINE
Pineapple
Juice
46 OZ.

99¢



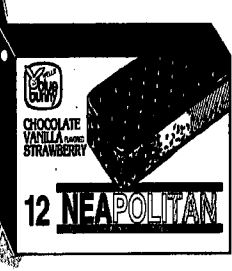
SHURFINE
Cream
Soups
10.5-10.75 OZ.

2 for \$1



BLUE BUNNY FAT FREE YOGURT,
FAT FREE, NO SUGAR ADDED,
FAT FREE NO SUGAR ADDED
OR PREMIUM
Ice Cream
HALF GALLON RND.

2 for \$6



BLUE BUNNY VANILLA
OR NEAPOLITAN
Ice Cream
Sandwiches
12 CT.

2.99



ASSORTED PET RITZ
Cobbliers
26 OZ.

1.99



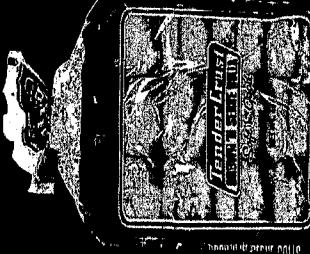
SHURFINE DEEP DISH
Pie Shells
12 OZ.

99¢



SHURFINE PEAS & CARROTS,
CUT GREEN BEANS,
GREEN PEAS,
MIXED VEG.
OR WHOLE
KERNEL CORN
Frozen Vegetables
16 OZ.

79¢



TENDERCRUST
BROWN 'N' SERVE
Dinner
Rolls
12 CT.

59¢



FRUIT COCKTAIL,
SLICED OR HALVES
PEACHES
Libby's
Fruit
16 OZ.

69¢



BEST VALUE PREBAKED
8 INCH LATTICE APPLE,
CHERRY OR PEACH
Pies
23 OZ.

2 for \$5



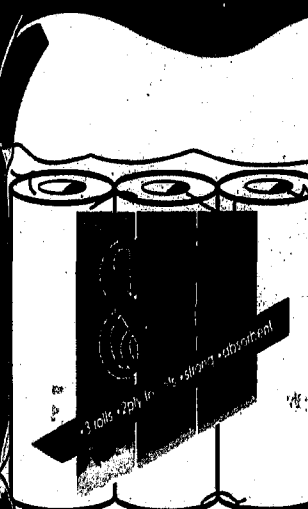
BEST VALUE
PREBAKED
Pecan
Pies
23.5 OZ.

2.49



BEST VALUE
PREBAKED
Pumpkin
Pies
22.5 OZ.

1.99



SHURFINE
WHITE
Paper Towels
3 ROLL PKG.

1.49



SHURFINE WHITE
Bathroom
Tissue
4 ROLL

89¢



SHURFINE HEAVY DUTY
Foil
18"x37.5"

1.29



SHURFINE
Plastic Wrap
100 FT.

1.19



20 CT. 16 OZ. PARTY CUPS,
15 CT. 9 INCH PARTY PLATES,
15 CT. 10 INCH
COMPARTMENT PLATES
ShurFine Plastic
Plates & Cups
YOUR CHOICE

99¢



SHURFINE RED
Maraschino
Cherries
10 OZ.

1.29



SHURFINE
Large
Olives
6 OZ.

99¢



ASSORTED
WIREN CHILIES
Rotel
Tomatoes
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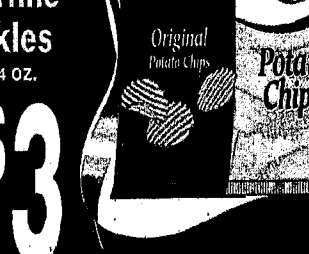
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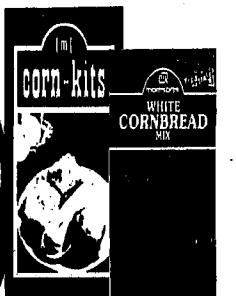
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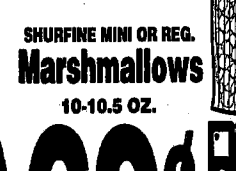
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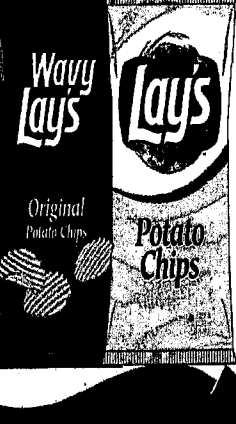
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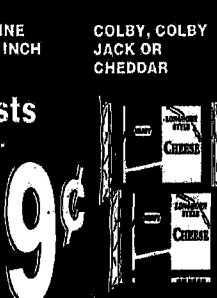
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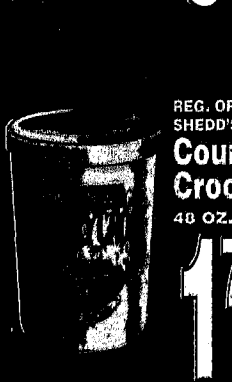
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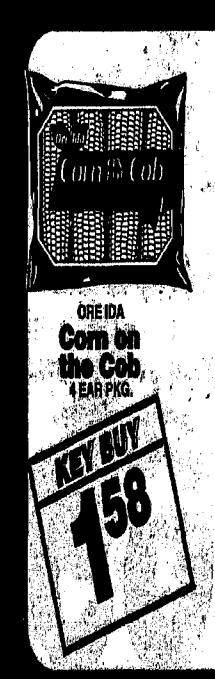
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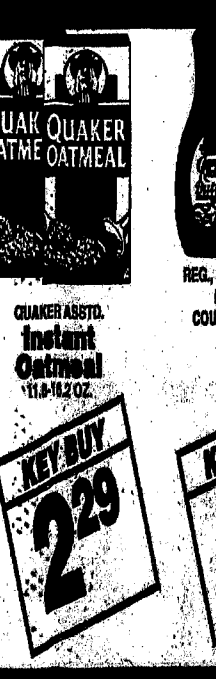
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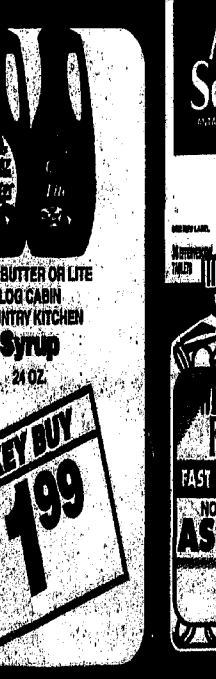
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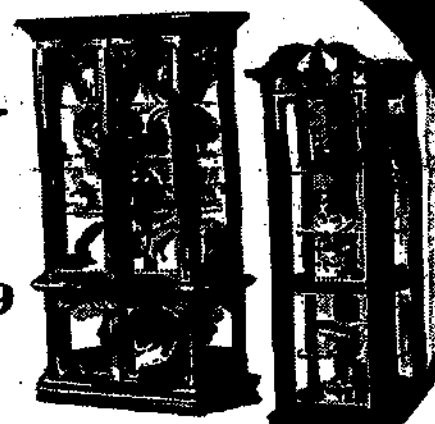
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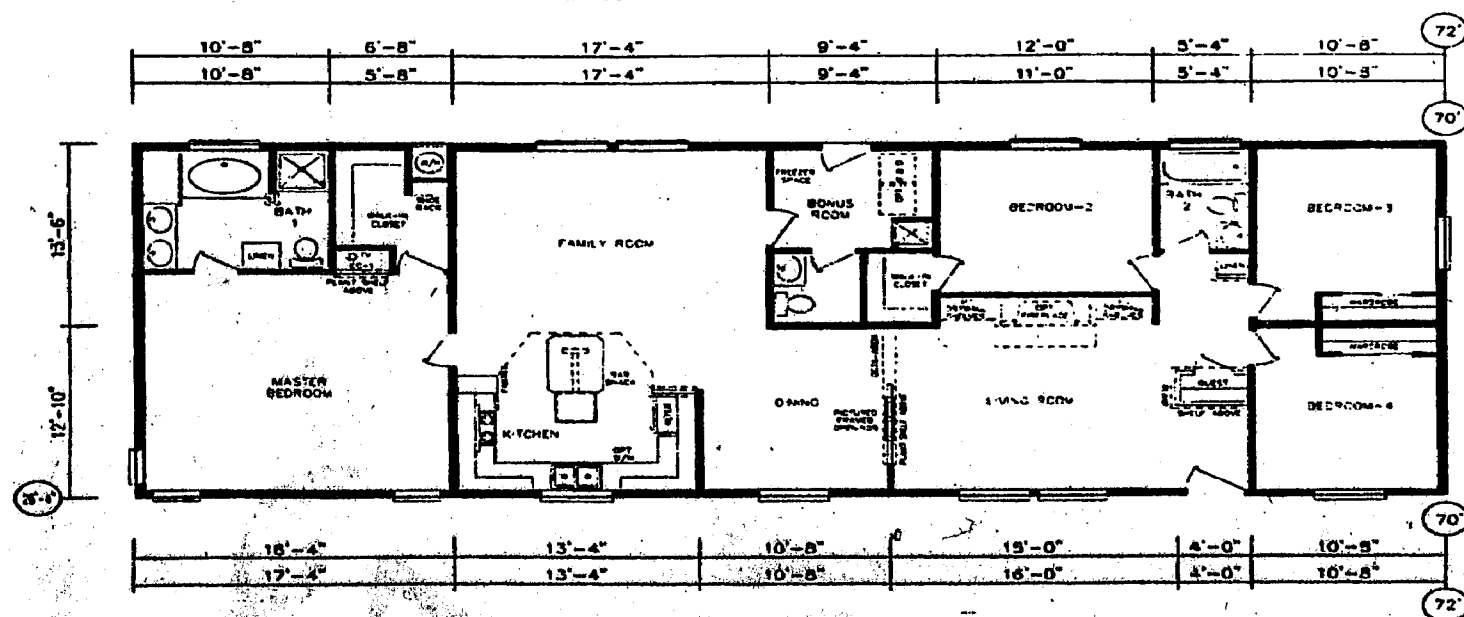
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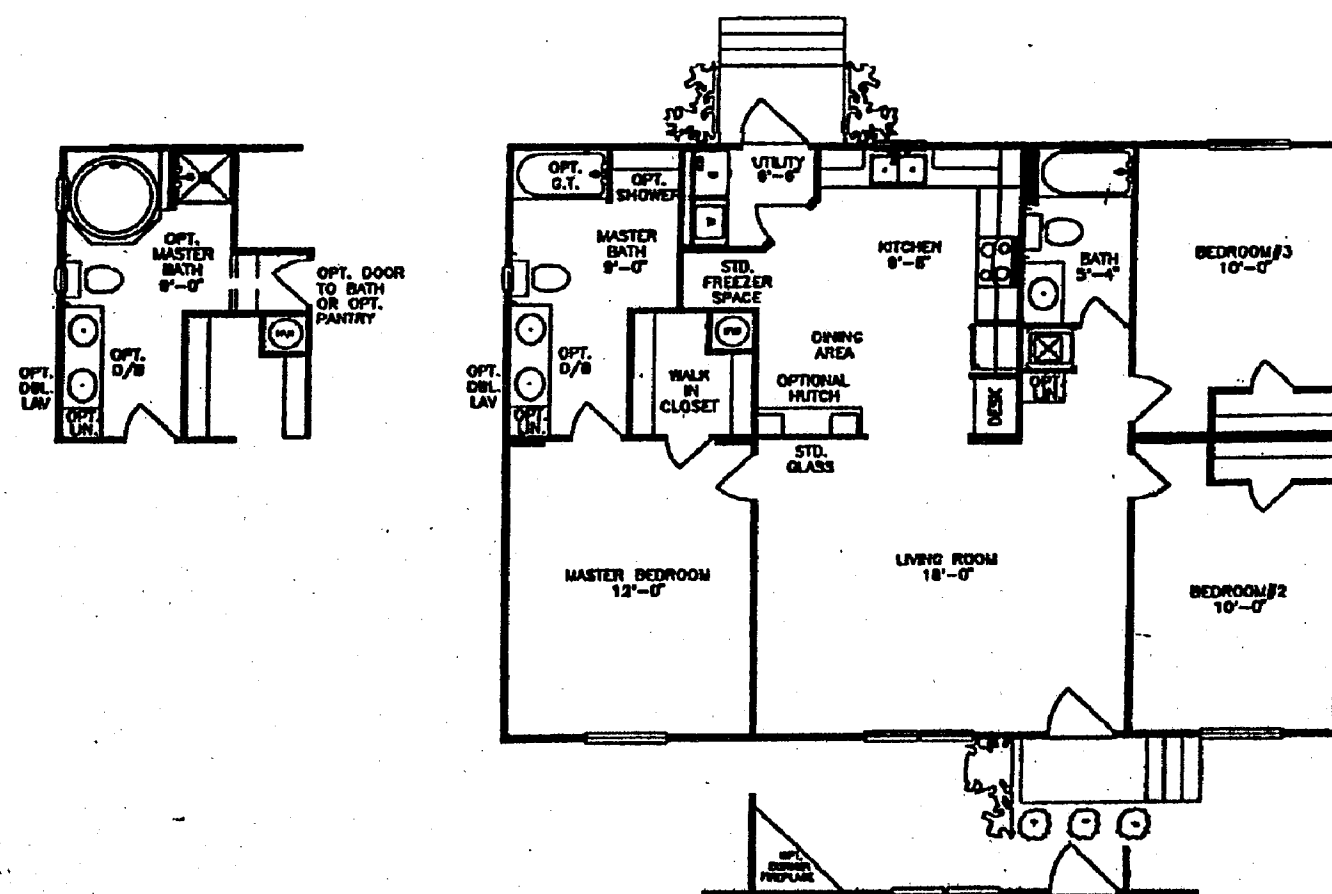
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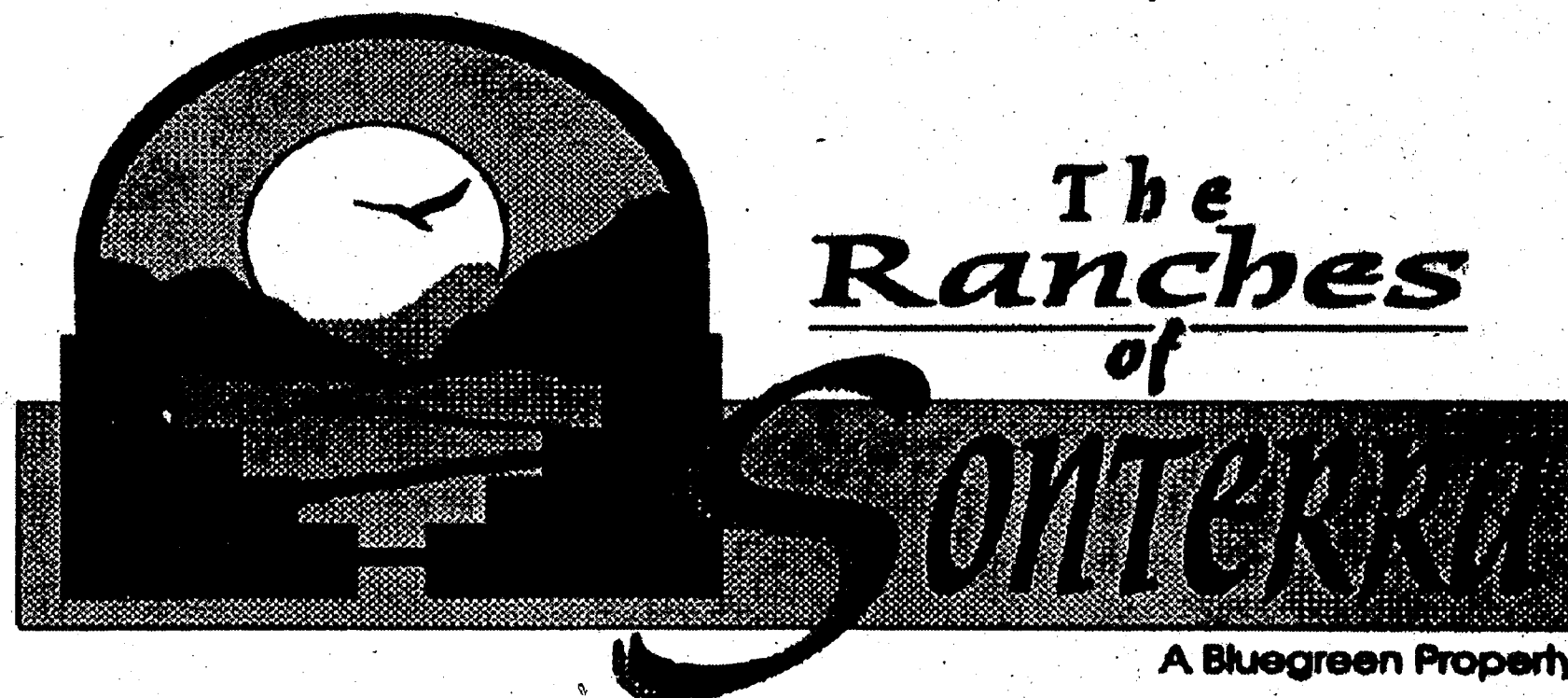


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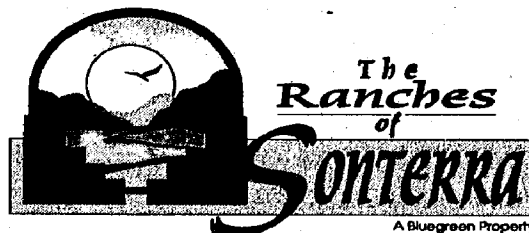
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